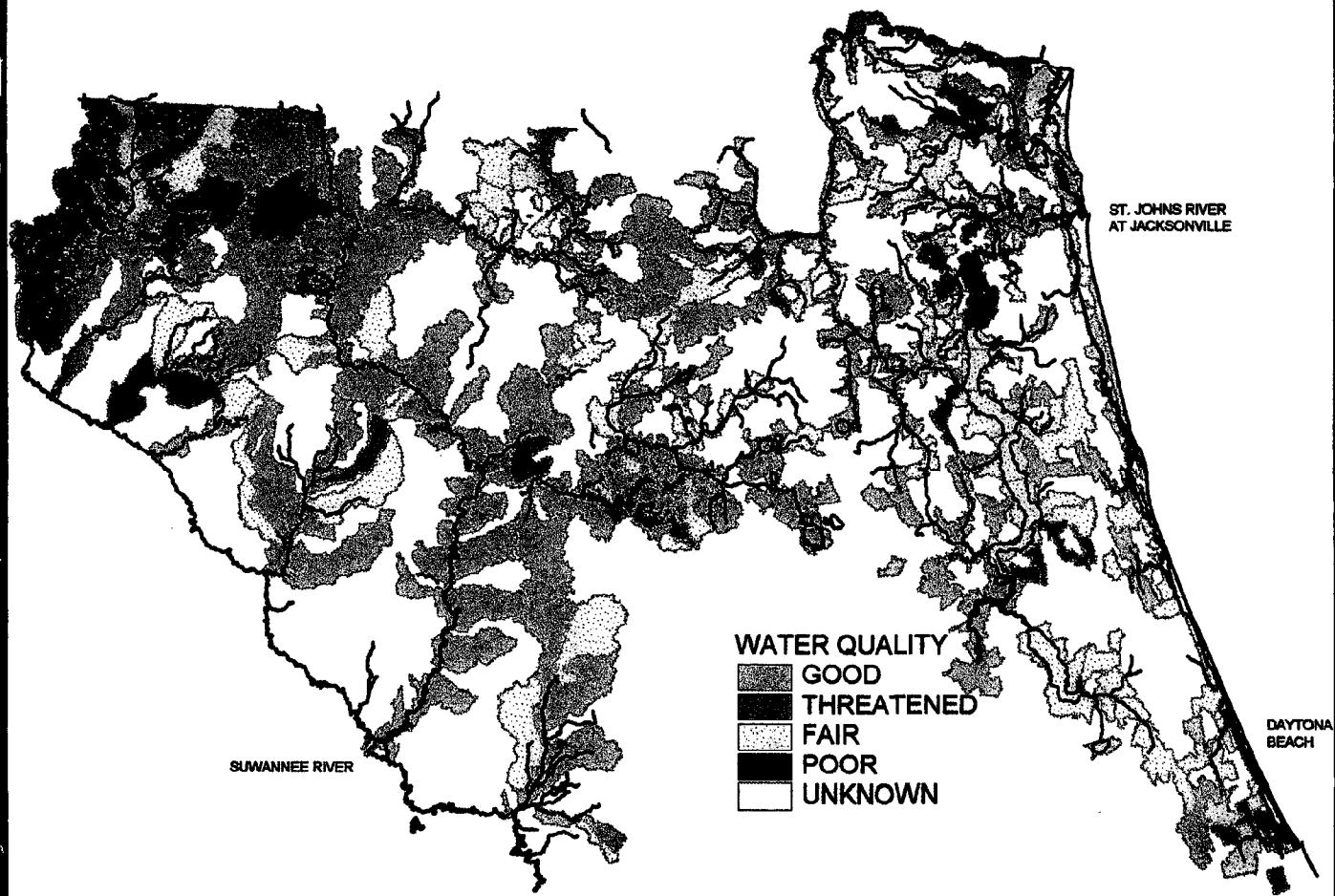


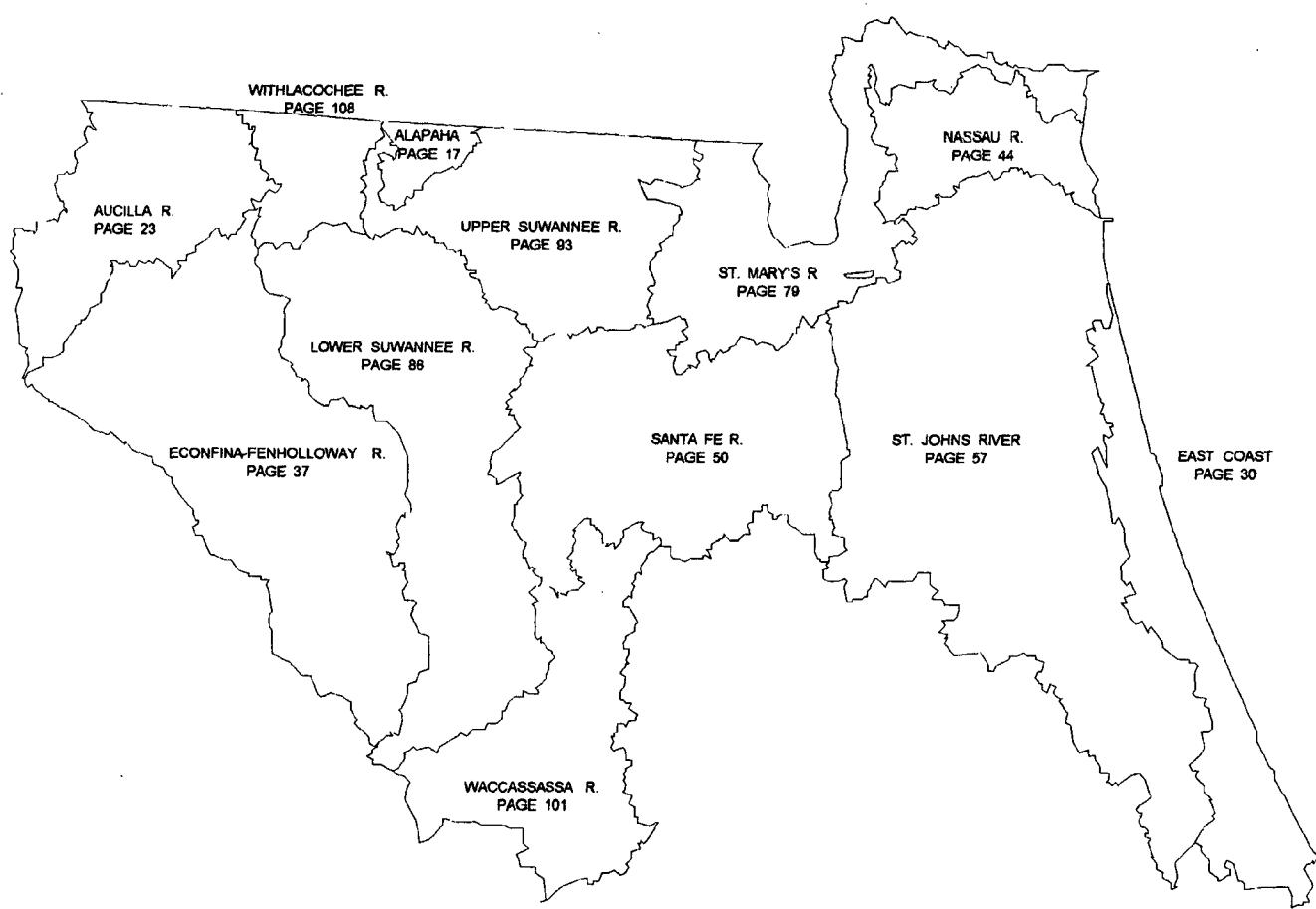
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PREFACE

This report is produced to inform Floridians and the EPA about surface water quality conditions and trends in Florida. Originally produced in 1978, this report has been updated every two years since, and has gone through many changes. The items listed below identify the major format changes which distinguish this report from its predecessor.

- **Regional Reports** - The large size of the statewide report (550 pages) necessitated its subdivision into 5 regional reports which correspond roughly with Department of Environmental Protection District Office boundaries (South and Southeast District Office reports are under one cover).
- **Watersheds versus Reaches** - In 1992 the State's rivers, lakes and estuaries were subdivided into 1600 'reaches' and the assessment was based on this reach structure, however much of the State's waters were not contained within the reaches. For 1994, the assessed area has been enlarged to cover the entire State by dividing the State into 4400 watersheds. The original 1600 reaches remain pretty much intact within the new watersheds, and the terminology now includes watershed and waterbody rather than reach.
- **ARC/INFO Water Quality Color Maps** - GIS techniques were used to produce color maps depicting water quality (designated use support) in each river basin. Watersheds were color coded based on good, threatened, fair or poor water quality designations.
- **New Nonpoint Source Qualitative Survey** - A nonpoint source qualitative survey was performed in 1988 and has been updated and included in this report for 1994. The survey used the same watersheds which were used to assess the water quality data and the qualitative results were integrated into this report to both supplement the quantitative information and to provide information when no quantitative information was available.
- **Current versus Historic Data** - Water quality data were examined for two time periods: current data from 1989-1993 and historic data from 1970-1988. Historic data were used to assess waterbodies only when there was no current data available.

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List of Abbreviations

AWT	advanced wastewater treatment
BAS	DEP basin water quality study
BMPs	best management practices
BOD	biochemical oxygen demand
cfs	cubic feet per second
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DO	dissolved oxygen
EAA	Everglades Agricultural Area
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FGFWFC	Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission
MGD	millions of gallons per day
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	nonpoint source
NWFWM	Northwest Florida Water Management District
OFW	Outstanding Florida Waters
REACH	an EPA-designated waterbody or portion of a waterbody
SFWMD	South Florida Water Management District
SJRWMD	St. Johns River Water Management District
SRWMD	Suwannee River Water Management District
STORET	EPA's water quality data STOrage and RETrieval system
SWFWMD	Southwest Florida Water Management District
SWIM	Surface Water Improvement and Management
TKN	total Kjeldahl nitrogen (organic nitrogen and ammonia)
TSI	trophic state index
WLA	wasteload allocation
WMD	Water Management District
WQI	water quality index
WWTP	wastewater treatment plant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

The 305(b) Technical Report provides useful surface water quality related information in a format that is helpful to managers, planners, permit staff, and laymen, as well as water quality experts. For each of the 52 basins, a narrative summary, a map, and data tables identify the quality and trends of Florida's waterbodies, the causes of water quality problems, and the present regulatory activities conducted by DEP and EPA to improve the problem areas. It is the most widely circulated water quality assessment in the State, and also serves as the support document for the Surface Water Section of the 1994 305(b) Water Quality Assessment Main Report submitted to EPA.

The assessment required analysis of the available STORET water quality data for the 1970-1993 time period (STORET is EPA's computerized water quality database). Data from approximately 4,000 stations are assessed in this report, necessitating the extensive use of computerized assessment techniques. Water quality assessment techniques used to identify problem areas included: water quality indices, screening level exceedances, statistical trend analysis, information from special studies, and interviewing local experts. The 305(b) assessment also includes information from the 1994 DEP Nonpoint Source Assessment Survey (which is based on the responses of 50 Florida agencies).

Statewide Results From the Main Report

In the 1992 305(b) assessment report, Florida was subdivided into 1600 reaches which were based on EPA's RF2 (river reach file #2). A reach was defined as a 5 mile long section of river, or 5 square mile section of lake or estuary. Only major waterbodies were assessed in the 1992 report due to the resolution limitations imposed by the RF2 file. For 1994, Florida has been subdivided into 4400 watersheds based on EPA's RF3 and USGS watershed delineations. Many more miles of Florida waterbodies were assessed (50% more river miles, 30% more lake miles, and 20% more estuary miles) due to the increased number of watersheds available for assessment and due to efforts to collect more ambient data and store the data into STORET. Table 1 and Figure 1 show the mileages of Florida waters which were assessed in this year's report. A striking feature shown in Figure 1 is that 77% of river miles have unknown quality. This large percentage is due to the fact that EPA classified Florida's many ditches and canals as rivers, which were not assessed in this report.

A quantitative summary of the State's water quality was accomplished by determining the degree of designated use support for the different waterbody types. The vast majority of assessed Florida waterbodies meet or partially meet their designated use (92% of the river miles, 81% of the lake miles, and 96% of the estuary miles). Figure 2 shows that the river and estuary results are fairly similar, however the lake results show generally worse overall quality than the rivers and estuaries with fewer miles in the "meets use" category and more miles in the "does not meet use" category. Interestingly enough, this year's lake assessment brought in many more small lakes with good overall quality, however, Florida's largest lakes (Lake Okeechobee and Lake George) still overwhelm the State average with their large mileages of fair to poor quality.

It is very important to address both the sources of pollution and trends in water quality. In the past, the majority of identified water quality problems in the State were caused by point sources, including both domestic and industrial sources. Recently, however, nonpoint sources accounted for the majority of Florida's water quality problems. This is due to the fact that point source treatment processes have improved while there has been an increase in acreage of agricultural and urban developed land and their associated runoff.

Water quality trend analysis was performed on waterbodies which had sufficient data for analysis (467 out of 4400 waterbodies). The majority (70%) of these waterbodies (as seen in Figure 3) exhibited no significant trends. Five times as many waterbodies (24%) have improving water quality trends as have degrading trends. The improved water quality trends were generally the result of wastewater treatment plant upgrades or the additions of new regional WWTPs and nonpoint source controls in Tampa, Orlando and several other cities (as seen in Figure 4). Five percent of the waterbodies assessed for trends showed degrading trends; however, there are no regional patterns for degrading trends similar to the improving trends. The causes of degrading trends included point sources and nonpoint sources. Statewide trend detection is limited for the following reasons:

1. Only one-tenth of the waterbodies are assessed for trends.
2. The primary focus of our monitoring network is not trend assessment; most of our stations are frequently moved, and there are very few sites with long-term, monthly data.
3. Our trend assessment technique is tailored to the problem identified in #2, thus, it only identified relatively drastic changes in water quality. Subtle water quality changes due to population growth or nonpoint source treatment improvements are not picked up by this analysis.

Table 1. Mileages of Florida Waters Assessed

	Monitored 1.	Evaluated 2.	Unknown 3.	Total
River (miles)	7,025	4,855	39,978 2.	51,858
Lake (sq. miles)	1,541	400	124	2,064
Estuary (sq. miles)	2,417	1,290	347	4,054

1. Monitored data includes 1989-1993 STORET data.
2. Qualitative information or older STORET data (1970-1988)
3. This number includes 25,909 miles of ditches and canals which have not been assessed.

Table 2. Overall Designated Use Support Summary

RIVERS (All size units in Miles)			
Degree of use support	<u>Evaluat</u> ed	<u>Monit</u> ored	Total
Fully Supporting	1116	4378	5495
Supporting but Threatened	2259	0	2259
Partially Supporting	1139	2093	3232
Not Supporting	342	554	895
Total Size Assessed	4856	7025	11881

LAKES (All size units in Square Miles)			
Degree of use support	<u>Evaluat</u> ed	<u>Monit</u> ored	Total
Fully Supporting	213	494	707
Supporting but Threatened	100	0	100
Partially Supporting	53	714	766
Not Supporting	34	332	366
Total Size Assessed	400	1541	1940

ESTUARIES (All size units in Square Miles)			
Degree of use support	<u>Evaluat</u> ed	<u>Monit</u> ored	Total
Fully Supporting	501	1427	1928
Supporting but Threatened	402	0	402
Partially Supporting	358	851	1209
Not Supporting	28	139	167
Total Size Assessed	1290	2417	3707

Evaluated means qualitative information or older STORET data (1970-1988).

Monitored means recent STORET data (1989-1993).

FIGURE 1. MILES MONITORED, EVALUATED AND UNKNOWN

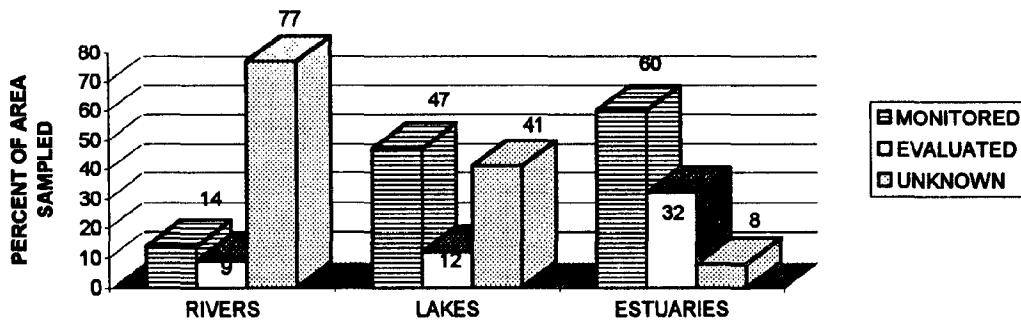


FIGURE 2. DESIGNATED USE SUPPORT IN FLORIDA WATERBODIES

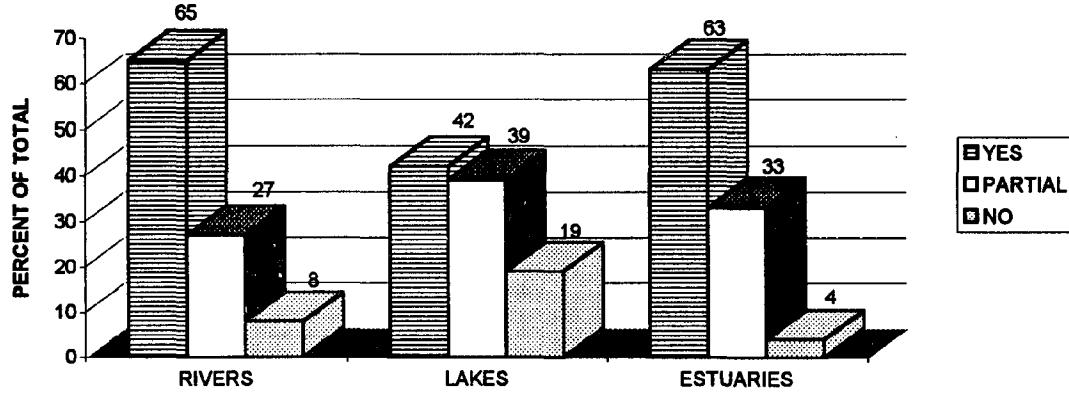
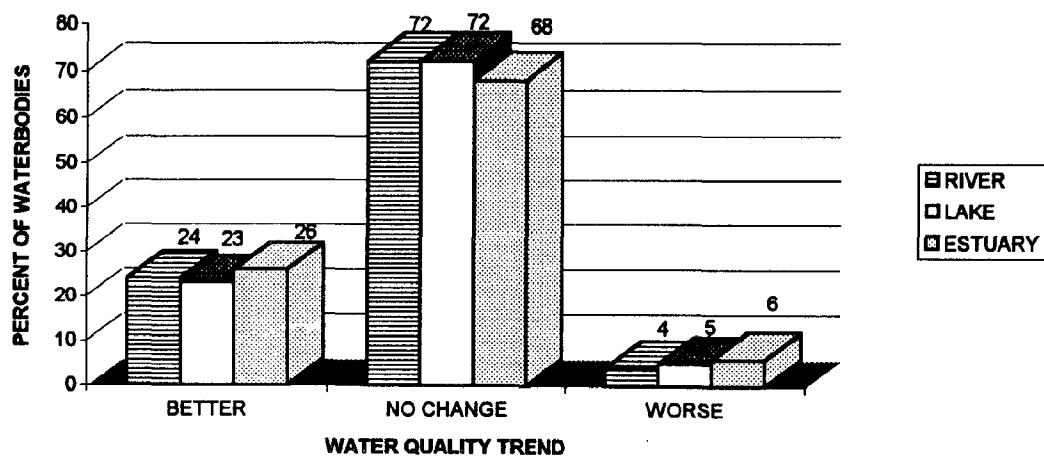
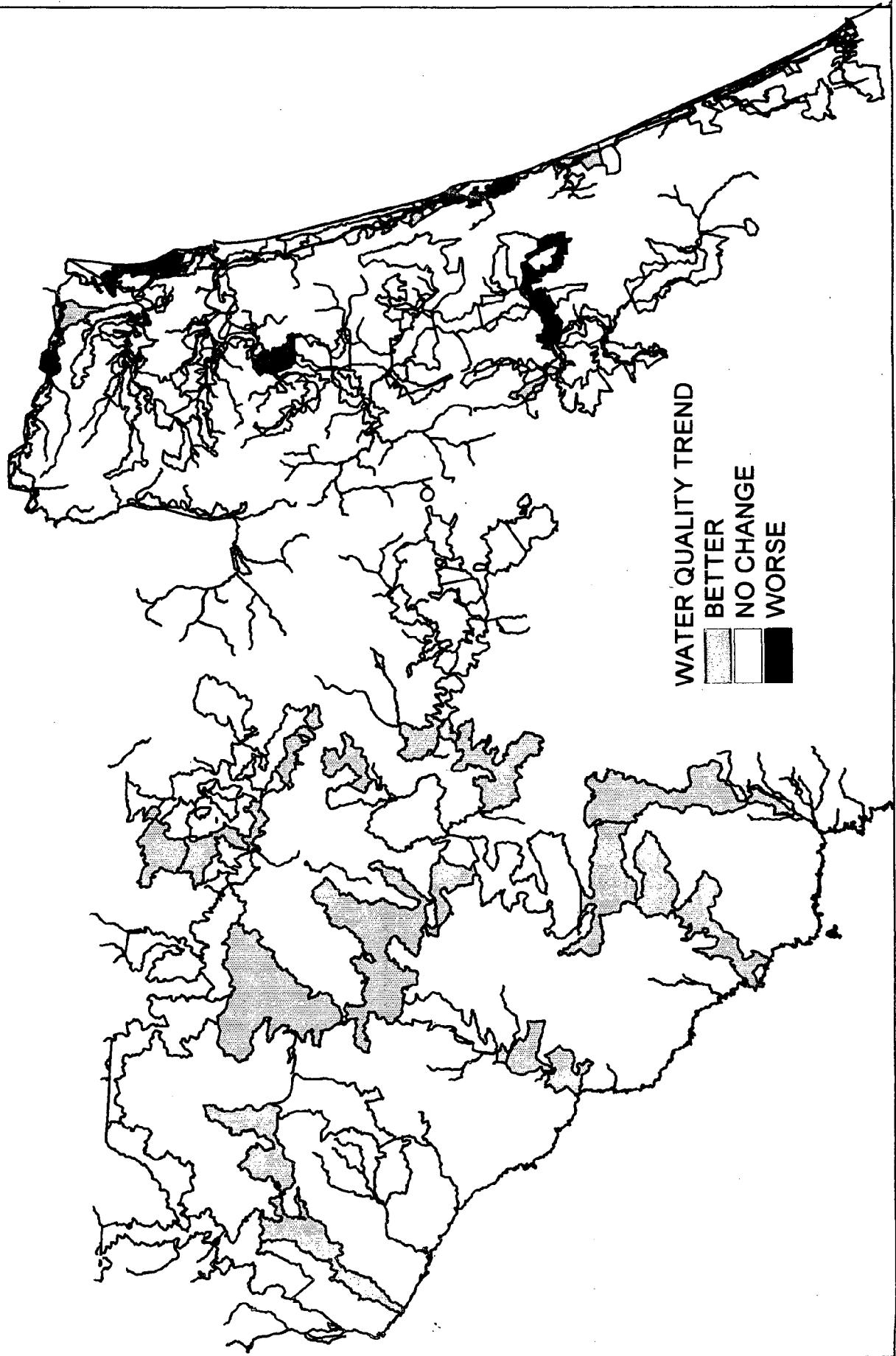


FIGURE 3. TEN YEAR WATER QUALITY TREND ANALYSIS FOR FLORIDA WATERBODIES (1984-1993)



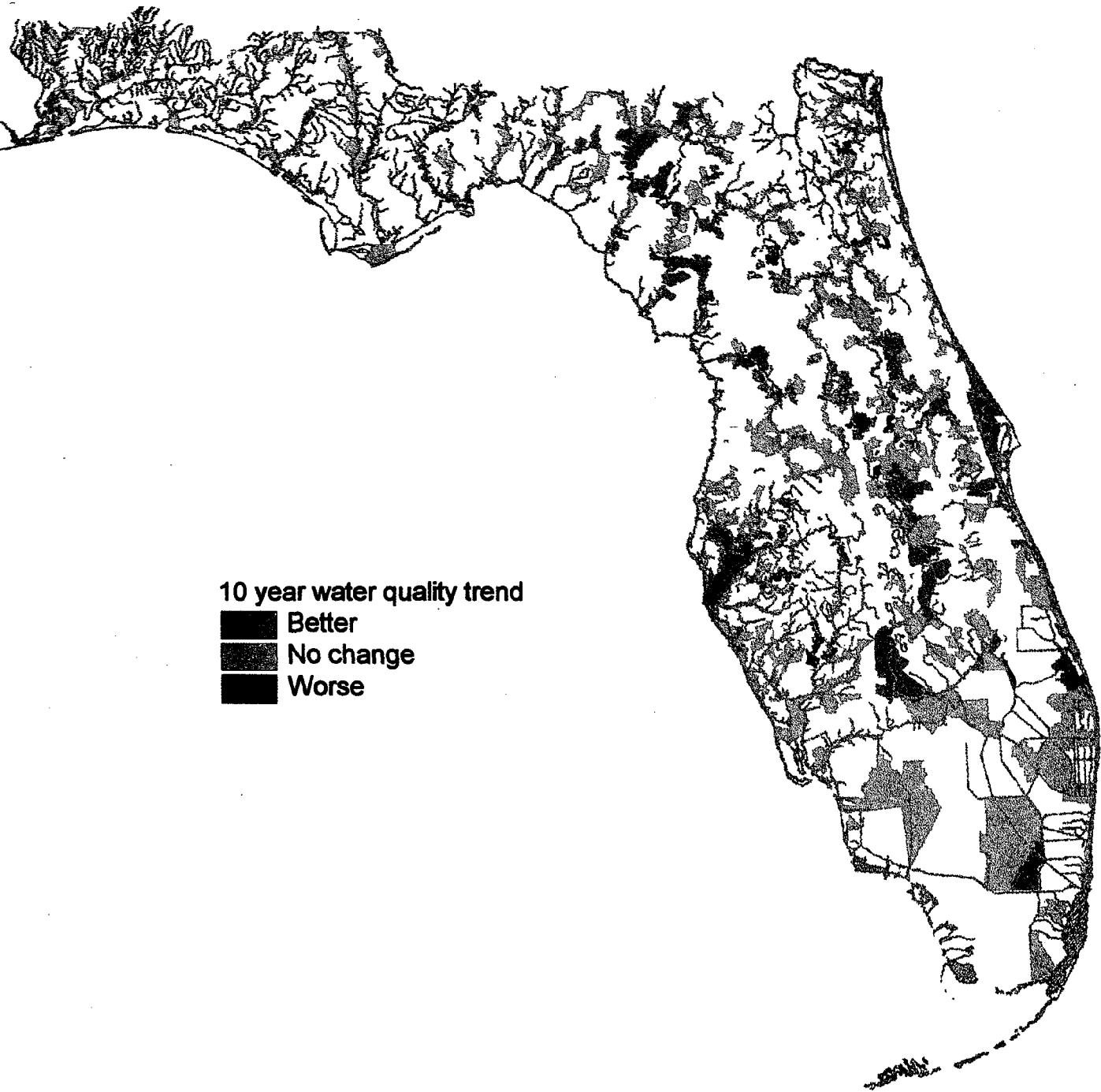
TEN YEAR WATER QUALITY TREND



Ten Year Florida Water Quality Trends (1984-1993)

10 year water quality trend

Better
No change
Worse



Florida's surface water quality is displayed on the map on the cover of the main report. Two important conclusions can be drawn from this figure: first, the majority of Florida's surface water has good quality; and second, the majority of problems are found in Central and South Florida.

The sparsely populated northwest and west-central sections of the State have relatively better water quality than other areas. Water quality problem areas in the State are evident around the densely populated, major urban areas including: Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, Pensacola, the Cape Kennedy area and the southeastern Florida coast. Other areas of poor water quality, not associated with population, are found in basins with intense agricultural usage.

Pollution sources and problems in Florida are varied. The State does not have extensive industrialization, but rather localized concentrations of heavy industry centered mostly in urban areas. Many of the problems found in surface waters in urban areas can be attributed to industrial discharges. Silviculture, agriculture and various types of animal husbandry are a large part of Florida's current and historical economy. Furthermore, Florida has undergone rapid population growth over the past two decades and this continues. This has resulted in more pollution sources associated with residential development.

Florida's major surface water quality problems can be summarized into five general categories :

1. Urban Stormwater. Stormwater carries a wide variety of pollutants from nutrients to toxicants. Siltation and turbidity associated with construction activities can also be a major problem. Problem areas are concentrated around urban centers and mirror, quite well, the population map of the State. Current stormwater rules and growth management laws address this problem for new sources, but are difficult to monitor and enforce.

2. Agricultural Runoff. The major pollutants involved include nutrients, turbidity, BOD, bacteria and herbicides/pesticides. These pollutants generally do their worst damage in lakes and slow moving rivers and canals, and sometimes, the receiving estuary. Problems are concentrated in the central and southern portions of the State, and in several of the rivers entering the State from the north. Traditionally, agricultural operations have had far more lenient regulation than point sources; however, there is increasing recognition of the need for improved treatment of runoff water.

3. Domestic Wastewater. This is an area that has shown significant improvement in the last decade. Most of the waterbodies with improving water quality trends can be traced to wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) upgrades. Further advancements are being encouraged with design innovations such as wastewater discharge to wetlands, water reuse and advanced treatment. Still, a problem exists in the rural areas of the State where financial and technological resources are limited. Consequently, several of these poorly operating facilities are polluting some of Florida's relatively pristine natural waterbodies. Also, septic tank leachate contributes to the degradation of many of Florida's waterbodies.

4. Industrial Wastewater. Most notable among these are the pulp and paper mills. Because of the volume and nature of their discharge, all of the pulp and paper mills operating in the State seriously degrade their receiving waters. The phosphate and fertilizer industries are

major pollution sources (both point and nonpoint) in several of Florida's surface water basins. In addition, the mining of phosphate causes surface water hydrological modifications and major land use disturbances.

5. Hydrological Modifications. This can take the form of damming running waters, channelizing slow moving waters, or dredging, draining and filling wetlands. Such modifications are not strictly pollution sources. However, in most cases where the natural hydrological regime was modified (mostly for water quantity purposes) water quality problems have ensued. Rating the effect of hydrologic modification is difficult. Dredge and fill activities result in a loss of habitat. Disruption of wetlands with a resultant net loss of area reduces the buffering and filtering capacities and biological potential of wetlands. This is a particularly important problem in estuaries. The loss of seagrasses and other marine habitats can seriously affect the maintenance of a viable fishery.

The assessment of public health and aquatic life impacts uncovered several areas of concern. Many of these problems are associated with estuaries and are of a persistent nature. Fish with Ulcerative Disease Syndrome are still present in the lower St. Johns River. This problem was first identified in the early to mid-80s. Second, major fish kills (as many as 1 million fish) occurred in the Pensacola Bay system over the past two years. The more massive of these kills occurred in Bayou Chico. Bacterial contamination in the water and contaminated sediments of the Miami River threaten Biscayne Bay. Many urban estuaries throughout the State have elevated levels of metals and organic contaminants in their sediments. Examples are Tampa Bay, St. Johns River Estuary and Pensacola Bay. The continued loss of fishery habitat from dredge and fill and construction activities is a threat to the maintenance of a viable fishery. The extensive die off of mangroves and seagrasses and algal blooms in Florida Bay are an important State concern. The probable cause is the extensive channelization and hydrological modification of the bay's watershed exacerbated in recent years by a lack of flushing from hurricanes, high water temperature and high salinity.

On the positive side, seagrasses have increased in area in Tampa Bay and there has been an improvement in water quality in Hillsborough Bay.

Three other problems exist which are also of a persistent nature, but largely impact fresh water systems. First, fish consumption advisories for largemouth bass continue to be issued because of elevated mercury concentrations in their tissue. Second, a no fish consumption advisory has been issued for the Fenholloway River. Elevated levels of dioxin were found in fish from this stream. This waterbody receives effluent from a pulp mill. The third problem is the coliform bacteria contamination of the Miami River. Sources of this contamination are illegal sewer connections to the stormwater pipe system, leaking or broken sewer lines, and direct discharges of raw sewage when pump stations have exceeded their capacity. During acute contamination events (direct discharge of sewage) coliform bacteria counts in the Miami River and adjoining waters of Biscayne Bay are hundreds of times higher than State criteria. Efforts are being made by the City of Miami and Dade County to correct these problems.

Northeast Region Basin-by-Basin Evaluation of Water Quality

The quality of Florida waters is graphically depicted on basin maps which follow each basin description. Areas of good, fair, and poor quality are readily discernible on these maps. The following is a summary of the status of the quality of waters in northeast Florida:

The Steinhatchee River basin's major water quality problem area is the Fenholloway River which is seriously affected by the effluent from a large paper mill. Although the discharge quality improved in the early seventies, the river still has high nutrients and color and low DO and biological diversity. An EPA study indicated impacts to the bay at the mouth of the Fenholloway. DEP conducted a use attainability study of the river, and has changed its classification from Industrial (Class V) to Recreation (Class III). The upper and lower Suwannee River basins, which receive a considerable quantity of ground water spring flow, have good water quality. Exceptions are those upper river tributaries that receive mining wastewater from Occidental Chemical Company. Sections of the Suwannee below these tributaries have some elevation in fluoride and phosphorus concentrations. Other direct threats to the Suwannee include agricultural and silviculture runoff, septic tank leachate, and nitrates from dairy farms. Major tributaries of the Suwannee are generally of good quality, but are threatened by local pollution sources. The North Withlacoochee River receives agricultural runoff and effluent from a paper mill (indirectly), and before entering Florida receives discharges of industrial effluent and municipal wastewater. The Alapaha River basin has good water quality. The Santa Fe River has several major springs and very good water quality. A tributary of the Santa Fe River, New River, receives discharge from a WWTP at Raiford and indirectly from the Town of Lake Butler. Bacteria, nutrient, and turbidity values are elevated near the discharge. The water quality of the Santa Fe River below New River reflects the reduced quality of the New River. Alligator Lake in the upper basin is degraded from the Lake City WWTP discharge and urban runoff and is the focus of a SWIM study. Lake Rowell (in the Santa Fe basin) has a eutrophication problem.

In general, the St. Marys River has good water quality. The South Prong of the St. Marys, Little St. Marys River, and Turkey Creek receive effluents from WWTP. Historically, problems of low DO, high nutrient levels, and high bacteria counts were present. Several pulp mill operations are located near the mouth of the river and along the estuarine Amelia River. Nassau River has good water quality except for Mills Creek which receives dairy farm runoff.

Downstream of Lake George, the St. Johns River is wide, shallow and sluggish with frequent, tidally influenced reverse flows. Many of the tributary systems have water quality problems which impact the river. Agricultural runoff and domestic discharge affect the Haw Creek/Crescent Lake tributary drainage. A paper mill causes problems in the Rice Creek tributary system. Agricultural and urban runoff affect Black Creek and Peters Creek. The Julington Creek, Durbin Creek, and

Doctors Lake watersheds are highly developed and water quality problems due to urban runoff and septic tank leachate are evident.

Water quality problems arising from septic tank leachate and WWTP discharge are common throughout the Jacksonville area of the river and its tributaries. In addition, numerous industries discharge to the river system. As a result, most of the tributaries, notably the Ortega, Cedar and Trout Rivers, have fair to poor water quality from Lake George to its mouth due to the polluted tributaries, direct discharge and significant urban runoff. A persistent problem in the lower St. Johns basin has been the presence of fish with Ulcerative Disease Syndrome.

The east coast estuarine waters from Jacksonville to Ft. Pierce have localized impacts from wastewater discharges, stormwater runoff, causeways which reduce hydraulic flushing, and shoreline vegetation disruption. Areas of greatest impact are the intracoastal waterway near Palm Valley (below Jacksonville Beach), the Matanzas River at St. Augustine, and the Halifax River between Ormond Beach and Port Orange.

INTRODUCTION AND METHODS

This section describes the water quality assessment procedures used by the Bureau of Surface Water Management to prepare the 1994 Florida Water Quality Inventory [305(b)]. The procedures are:

1. Divide State into Assessment Watersheds.
2. Inventory STORET data.
3. Calculate Stream Water Quality Index (WQI).
4. Calculate Lake/Estuary Trophic State Index (TSI).
5. Apply Screening Levels.
6. Conduct Trend Analysis.
7. Conduct Toxic Pollutant Assessment.
8. Conduct Nonpoint Source Assessment.

Florida's 52 major river basins were subdivided into 4400 watersheds of approximately five square miles each. The predominate waterbody within each watershed was identified and classified as a lake, stream, or estuary. Each watershed and its waterbody formed an assessment unit and all water quality stations within the watershed were aggregated as if they were from the same site (the stations were screened for unwanted sites, such as, point source discharge sites). A water quality inventory was performed on EPA's STORET database. The inventory included the years 1970 through 1993 and was classified as recent (1989-1993) or historic (1970-1988). Tables of water quality data were prepared for each of Florida's 52 basins. Three procedures were then used to assess the water quality data. A Water Quality Index was calculated to determine the overall quality of Florida streams and rivers. The Water Quality Index summarizes information from six categories including water clarity (turbidity and total suspended solids), dissolved oxygen, oxygen demanding substances (biochemical oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demand, and total organic carbon), nutrients (total nitrogen and total phosphorus), bacteria (total coliform and fecal coliform), and macroinvertebrate diversity index (based on natural substrate samples, artificial substrate samples and Beck's Biotic Index). The water quality of lakes and estuaries is described by the Trophic State Index which is a measure of the potential for algal or aquatic weed growth. The components which make up the Trophic State Index include total nitrogen, total phosphorus, chlorophyll and Secchi depth. Screening levels for 19 water quality parameters were also used to determine the quality of Florida lakes, estuaries and streams.

The water quality indices and screening levels have all been tailored to Florida's water quality by using the actual distribution of Florida data to determine the water quality criteria used by the procedures. Specific information on each of the procedures is described in the following sections.

Watershed as the Assessment Unit

In the 1992 305(b) assessment report, Florida was subdivided into 1600 reaches which were based on EPA's RF2 (river reach file #2). A reach was defined as a 5 mile long section of river, or 5 square mile section of lake or estuary. Only major waterbodies were assessed in the 1992 report due to the resolution limitations imposed by the RF2 file. For 1994, Florida has been subdivided into 4400 watersheds based on EPA's RF3 and USGS watershed delineations. The original 1600 reach delineations have been kept intact, however, many additional watersheds have been added due to the increased resolution of RF3 and the USGS watersheds which cover the entire State. USGS was contracted to develop useable, small watersheds (approximately 5 square miles) using watershed boundaries identified on USGS topographic maps and ARC/INFO GIS techniques. USGS completed 75% of the State, but unfortunately they did not delineate watersheds in south Florida (USGS subregion 0309). Watersheds for South Florida were adapted from a much coarser delineation developed by the South Florida Water Management District. The resulting watersheds in this area are about 50 square miles each, ten times larger than those for the rest of the State.

The major waterbody within each watershed was identified and named. Usually each watershed encompassed one major or one minor named waterbody (similar to the 1992 reach structure). The length of each stream waterbody and the area of lake and estuary waterbodies is essential information. The length of stream waterbodies was determined by GIS measurements of the RF3 trace (or assigned a length of 5 miles if no RF3 trace was available). The area of lake and estuary waterbodies was determined with crude GIS aerial measurement techniques (if estuary waterbodies had no RF3 traces, their area was set to 5 square miles and unknown lake waterbodies were assigned an area of 1 square mile). The water quality within each waterbody is assumed to be homogenous (if data prove this assumption to be wrong, then the waterbody was subdivided). GIS techniques were used to assign STORET sites to their respective watersheds and the location of each site was visually inspected on a GIS map. If more than one named waterbody showed up in a watershed (based on the STORET data within a watershed), then the watershed was subdivided.

Inventory of STORET Data

An inventory of data was retrieved from STORET for the 1970-1993 time period. If data within a watershed were available for the current time period (defined as 1989-1993), then historical data was not examined, except for trend analysis. If no current data were found, then historic data (defined as 1970-1988) were used for the assessment. Fifty STORET parameter codes representing 21 different water quality parameters were inventoried (Table 3). There are about 8000 Florida stations in STORET which were sampled in 1970-1993. These stations are located in 1500 of the 4400 watersheds. Annual average (median) water quality was calculated for each of these stations and the data were stored on a local IBM Personal computer. In order for an annual average to be calculated for a station, the station had to be sampled at least twice within each year. STORET remark

Table 3. Storet Water Quality Assessment Parameters.

Category	Storet Parameter	Name	Storet Parameter Code
Coliform	Fecal Coli	MPN-FCBR/100ml	31616
Coliform	Fecal Coli	MPNECMED/100ml	31615
Coliform	Total Coli	MGIMENDO/100ml	31501
Coliform	Total Coli	MPN CONG/100ml	31505
Conductivity	Conductivity	at 25°c micromho	95
Conductivity	Conductivity	Field micromho	94
Dissolved Oxygen	Dissolved Oxygen	% saturation	301
Dissolved Oxygen	Dissolved Oxygen	mg/l	300
Dissolved Oxygen	Dissolved Oxygen	Probe mg/l	299
Diversity Index	Biotic Index	BI	82256
Diversity Index	Diversity Index	Artificial substrate	82251
Diversity Index	Diversity Index	Natural substrate	82246
Flow	Stream Flow	cfs	60
Flow	Stream Flow	inst.-cfs	61
Oxygen Demand	BOD 5 day	mg/l	310
Oxygen Demand	COD Hi Level	mg/l	340
Oxygen Demand	Tot Organic Carbon	C mg/l	680
pH-Alkalinity	pH SU		400
pH-Alkalinity	pH SU	lab	403
pH-Alkalinity	Total Alkalinity	CaCO ₃ mg/l	410
Temperature	Temperature Water	cent	10
Trophic Status	Chlorophyll A	mg/l	32230
Trophic Status	Chlorophyll A	mg/l	32217
Trophic Status	Chlorophyll A	mg/l	32210
Trophic Status	Chlorophyll A	mg/l corrected	32211
Trophic Status	Chlorophyll Total	mg/l	32234
Trophic Status	Chlorophyll	total ug/l	32216
Trophic Status	Nitrogen ammonia	Diss-NO ₂ mg/l	71846
Trophic Status	Nitrogen NH ₃ +NH ₄ -	N Diss mg/l	608
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Trophic Status	Nitrogen NO ₂ &NO ₃	N-Diss mg/l	631
Trophic Status	Nitrogen NO ₂ &NO ₃	N-Total mg/l	630
Trophic Status	Nitrogen NO ₃ -N	Diss mg/l	618
Trophic Status	Nitrogen NO ₃ -N	Total mg/l	620
Trophic Status	Nitrogen Org N	N mg/l	605
Trophic Status	Nitrogen Tot Kjel	N mg/l	625
Trophic Status	Nitrogen Total N	As NO ₃ mg/l	71887
Trophic Status	Nitrogen Total N	N mg/l	600
Trophic Status	Phosphorus	OrthoPO ₄ mg/l	660
Trophic Status	Phosphorus Total	As PO ₄ mg/l	71886

Table 3. Storet Water Quality Assessment Parameters (continued).

Category	Storet Parameter	Name	Storet Parameter Code
Trophic Status	Phosphorus Total	mg/l P	665
Trophic Status	Transparency	Secchi Inches	77
Trophic Status	Transparency	Secchi Meters	78
Water Clarity	Color	PT-CO Units	80
Water Clarity	Color-AP	Pt-CO Units	81
Water Clarity	Residue Tot NFLT	mg/l	530
Water Clarity	Turbidity	JKSN JTU	70
Water Clarity	Turbidity	TRBIDMTR HACH FTU	76

codes also present a problem in data analysis when a data value is recorded as "less than" the actual value reported. In these cases the reported value was multiplied by 0.5 to adjust for the "less than" condition. Data with STORET remark codes indicating that the reported value was "greater than" the actual value were dropped from further analysis. A Water Quality Index value was calculated for each stream/river annual median and a Trophic State Index value was calculated for each lake/estuary annual median.

Florida Stream Water Quality Index Procedure

To assess Florida stream water quality, a Florida stream Water Quality Index (WQI) was developed and first used in the 1988 305(b) report. The WQI is based on the quality of water as measured by six water quality categories (water clarity, dissolved oxygen, oxygen demanding substances, bacteria, nutrients and biological diversity). Each category may have more than one parameter as shown in Table 4. Raw (annual average) data are converted into index values which range from 0 to 99 for the six categories. Index values correspond to the percentile distribution of stream water quality data in Florida (Table 4). [The percentile distribution of STORET water quality data were determined in 1987 for 2,000 ambient, stream STORET locations in Florida.] For example, Table 4 shows the BOD concentrations ranged from 0.8 mg/l (10 percentile) to 5.1 mg/l (90 percentile) with a median value of 1.5 mg/l (50 percentile). A BOD concentration of 0 to less than 0.8 mg/l is assigned an index value of 0 to 9, etc.

The overall WQI is the arithmetic average of the six water quality index categories. The index for each category is determined by averaging its component parameter index values. Missing water quality parameters and missing water quality categories are ignored in the final calculation. Therefore, the final WQI is based on an average of anywhere from 1 to 6 water quality index categories. Table 5 shows an example calculation of the WQI. The WQI can be calculated from just one index category; however, it becomes more reliable as more categories are used in its calculation.

In order to determine the range of values of the WQI which correspond to good, fair and poor quality, the WQI was correlated with the EPA National Profiles Water Quality Index for Florida data. (The EPA WQI was used in the 1986 305(b)). Based on this correlation, the cutoff values for the WQI were determined as follows: 0 to less than 45 represents good quality, 45 to less than 60 represents fair quality, and 60 to 99 represents poor quality.

The Florida stream Water Quality Index has several advantages over indices used previously. First, the index is tailored to Florida water quality data, since it is based on the percentile distribution of Florida stream data. Second, it uses the water quality categories which are felt to be the most important measures of water quality in Florida: water clarity, dissolved oxygen, oxygen demanding substances, nutrients, bacteria and biological diversity. Third, it is simple to understand and calculate and does not require a mainframe computer or any complex data transformations or averaging schemes. Finally, the index

Table 4. Florida Stream Water Quality Index Criteria.
Percentile Distribution of STORET Data.

Parameter	Unit	Best Quality				Median Value	Worst Quality		
		10%	20%	30%	40%		60%	70%	80%
** Category: Water Clarity									
Turbidity	JTU	1.50	3.00	4.00	4.50	5.20	8.80	12.20	16.50
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.50	6.50	9.50	12.50	18.00
** Category: Dissolved Oxygen									
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/l	8.00	7.30	6.70	6.30	5.80	5.30	4.80	4.00
** Category: Oxygen Demand									
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/l	0.80	1.00	1.10	1.30	1.50	1.90	2.30	3.30
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/l	16.00	24.00	32.00	38.00	46.00	58.00	72.00	102.00
Total Organic Carbon	mg/l	5.00	7.00	9.50	12.00	14.00	17.50	21.00	27.50
** Category: Nutrients									
Total Nitrogen	mg/l as N	0.55	0.75	0.90	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.60	2.00
Total Phosphorus	mg/l as P	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.16	0.24	0.46
** Category: Bacteria									
Total Coliform	#/100 ml	100.00	150.00	250.00	425.00	600.00	1100.00	1600.00	3700.00
Fecal Coliform	#/100 ml	10.00	20.00	35.00	55.00	75.00	135.00	190.00	470.00
** Category: Biological Diversity									
Diversity Index Nat. Substrate Index		3.50	3.10	2.80	2.60	2.40	2.15	1.95	1.50
Diversity Index Art. Substrate Index		3.55	3.35	3.20	3.05	2.90	2.65	2.40	1.95
Beck's Biotic Index		32.00	28.00	23.00	18.50	14.00	11.00	8.00	5.50

Table 5. An Example Calculation of the Florida Stream Water Quality Index (WQI).

Water Quality Category ¹	Water Quality Parameter ²	Value ³	Parameter Index Value ⁴	Index Average ⁵
Water Clarity	Turbidity	3.9 mg/l	29	
Water Clarity	Total Suspended Solids	7.0 mg/l	52	
Dissolved Oxygen	Dissolved Oxygen	5.4 mg/l	58	
Oxygen Demanding Substances	BOD	2.8 mg/l	75	
Oxygen Demanding Substances	COD	31.0 mg/l	29	
Oxygen Demanding Substances	TOC	.	--	
Nutrients	Total Nitrogen	1.87 mg/l	77	
Nutrients	Total Phosphorus	0.56 mg/l	82	
Bacteria	Total Coliform	1800 MPN/100 mL	71	
Bacteria	Fecal Coliform	1900 MPN/100 mL	70	
Macroinvertebrate Diversity	Natural Substrate	1.7	76	
Macroinvertebrate Diversity	Artificial Substrate	2.3	72	
Macroinvertebrate Diversity	Beck's Biotic Index	11.0	60	
				<u>WQI = 61⁶</u>

¹ - These are the 6 water quality categories.

² - These are the 13 water quality parameters which make up the 6 categories.

³ - These are the actual data values ('.' indicates no measurement was taken for this parameter).

⁴ - The index value is based on the percentile distribution values shown in Table 4.

⁵ - The category average is based on an average of each of the water quality parameter values.

⁶ - The WQI is an average of the category index values, i.e., WQI = (40+58+52+79+70+69)/6=61.

works; it nicely identifies areas of good, fair, and poor water quality that correspond to professional and public opinion.

A toxic pollutants category would be a valuable addition to the index; however, toxic pollutants were not included in the index since there is relatively little data in Florida (compared to the amount of data for conventional pollutants). Toxic pollutants were assessed separately as discussed later in this section of the report.

Trophic State Index Procedure

The Trophic State Index procedure provides an effective method of classifying lakes based on the lake's chlorophyll, Secchi depth, nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations. The index was developed in 1982 in response to the EPA Clean Lakes Program and is documented in the Classification of Florida Lakes Report by the University of Florida, Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences. This index remains unchanged from the 1988 305(b) report.

The index is based on a trophic classification scheme developed in 1977 by R.E. Carlson. It relies on three trophic indicators to describe the trophic status of a lake. The goal was to have each indicator relate to algal biomass such that a 10 unit change in the index would represent a doubling or halving of algal biomass. Carlson developed indices based on Secchi disc transparency, chlorophyll concentration and total phosphorus concentration. The Florida Trophic State Index (TSI) is based on the same rationale, but also includes total nitrogen concentration as a fourth index. Criteria were developed for Florida lakes from a regression analysis of data on 313 Florida lakes. The desirable upper limit for the index is set at 20 ug/l chlorophyll which corresponds to an index of 60. Doubling the chlorophyll concentration to 40 ug/l results in an index increase to 70 which is the cutoff for undesirable (or poor) lake quality. Index values from 60 to 69 represent 'fair' water quality. The criteria for chlorophyll, Secchi depth, total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations are shown in Table 6.

A nutrient index is also calculated based on phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations and the limiting nutrient concept. The limiting nutrient concept identifies a lake as phosphorus limited if the nitrogen to phosphorus concentration ratio is greater than 30, as nitrogen limited if the ratio is less than 10, and balanced (depending on both nitrogen and phosphorus) if the ratio is 10-30. Thus, the nutrient TSI is based solely on phosphorus if the ratio is greater than 30, solely on nitrogen if less than 10, or based on both nitrogen and phosphorus if the ratio is between 10 and 30. An overall index (TSI) is calculated based on the average of the chlorophyll TSI, the Secchi depth TSI and the nutrient TSI. For this index to be calculated, both nitrogen and phosphorus measurements are required for the sample. The lake trophic state index was also applied to Florida estuaries to describe estuarine water quality. The criteria for the estuary quality ratings is 10 less than the lake ratings (i.e., good estuarine water quality is a TSI value of 0-49, fair quality is 50-59, and poor quality is a value of 60-100). Table 7 shows an example TSI calculation.

Table 6. Trophic State Index (TSI) for Lakes and Estuaries.

For Lakes: 0-59 is good, 60-69 is fair, 70-100 is poor
 For Estuaries: 0-49 is good, 50-59 is fair, 60-100 is poor

Trophic State Index TSI	Chlorophyll (ug/l)	Secchi Depth (m)	Total Phosphorus (mgP/l)	Total Nitrogen (mgN/l)
0	0.3	7.4	0.003	0.06
10	0.6	5.3	0.005	0.10
20	1.3	3.8	0.009	0.16
30	2.5	2.7	0.01	0.27
40	5.0	2.0	0.02	0.45
50	10.0	1.4	0.04	0.70
60	20.0	1.0	0.07	1.2
70	40	0.7	0.12	2.0
80	80	0.5	0.20	3.4
90	160	0.4	0.34	5.6
100	320	0.3	0.58	9.3

TSI equations which generate the above criteria:

$$CHLA_{TSI} = 16.8 + [14.4 \times LN (CHLA)] \quad (\text{use Natural Log})$$

$$SD_{TSI} = 60 - [30 \times LN (SD)]$$

$$TN_{TSI} = 56 + [19.8 \times LN (TN)]$$

$$TP_{TSI} = [18.6 \times LN (TP \times 1000)] - 18.4$$

$$TSI = (CHLA_{TSI} + SD_{TSI} + NUTR_{TSI*}) / 3$$

* Limiting Nutrient considerations for Calculating NUTR_{TSI}:

If TN/TP > 30 then NUTR_{TSI} = TP_{TSI}

If TN/TP < 10 then NUTR_{TSI} = TN_{TSI}

If 10 < TN/TP < 30 then NUTR_{TSI} = (TP_{TSI} + TN_{TSI}) / 2

Table 7. An Example Calculation of the Trophic State Index (TSI)
 (See Table 6 for Formulas).

	Annual Average	TSI Calculation	Average TSI
Chlorophyll	6.0 ug/l	42.6 ¹	42.1
Secchi Depth	1.8 meters	42.3 ²	42.3
Phosphorus*	0.04 mg P/l	50.2 ³	
Nitrogen*	0.67 mg N/l	48.1 ⁴	49.2 ⁵
			45.0 ⁶

$$1. \text{ CHLA} = 16.8 + [14.4 \times \ln (6.0)] = 42.1 \text{ (use Natural Log)}$$

$$2. \text{ SD} = 60 - [30 \times \ln (1.9)] = 42.3$$

$$3. \text{ TP} = [18.6 \times \ln (0.04 \times 1000)] - 18.4 = 50.2$$

$$4. \text{ TN} = 56 + [19.8 \times \ln (0.67)] = 48.1$$

5. TN/TP Ratio = $0.67/0.04 = 16.7$ therefore, TSI NUTR = an average of TSI Phosphorus and TSI Nitrogen = $(50.2 + 48.1)/2 = 49.2$

$$6. (42.6 + 42.3 + 49.2)/3 = 45$$

* Note: If either phosphorus or nitrogen sampling information are missing, then the index is not calculated.
 Chlorophyll and/or Secchi Depth may be missing and the index will be calculated.

Screening Levels

Screening levels were used to determine water quality problems caused by each of nineteen water quality parameters (Table 8). Screening levels were based on either Florida criteria or on criteria established by professional judgment when quantitative Florida criteria are absent. Different screening levels were developed for streams, lakes and estuaries to take into account the natural differences among these waterbodies. The criteria which were established by professional judgment were based on the percentile distribution of Florida data.

The eightieth percentile was chosen as the cutoff between acceptable and unacceptable water quality. This means that 80% of Florida's water quality data will have acceptable levels. Table 8 identifies the screening levels used, the typical values measured and the Florida criteria for streams, lakes and estuaries. Screening level exceedances are noted in the data tables for each watershed in each basin.

Trend Analysis

Water quality trend analysis was performed on 12 water quality parameters (plus the overall stream water quality index and the trophic state index) for 460 watersheds. The time frame for the analysis is from 1984-1993. The analysis was quite simple; a non-parametric correlation analysis (Spearman's Ranked Correlation) was used to analyze the ten-year trend of the annual STORET station medians for each watershed. There may have been only one station analyzed within a watershed resulting in a maximum of ten years of data, or there may have been many stations sampled within the watershed resulting in the analysis of many more yearly station medians and a more meaningful trend analysis.

A separate trend assessment technique was used to analyze stream, lake, and estuary waterbodies. Stream trend analysis utilized the trend information from eight water quality parameters (bacteria, turbidity, total suspended solids, BOD, dissolved oxygen, Secchi depth, nitrogen and phosphorus) plus the overall water quality index. Lake and estuary trend analysis focused on four trophic state parameters (chlorophyll, Secchi depth, nitrogen and phosphorus) plus the trophic state index.

The overall trend of each waterbody was determined by comparing the number of improved water quality parameters to the number of degraded water quality parameters. Some waterbodies showed quite strong trends. If a waterbody showed no trends, or just one parameter showed a trend (or the number of improved trends minus the number of degraded trends is zero or one), then the trend is classified as "no change". This trend analysis must be considered preliminary due to the simplicity of the technique.

Table 8. Water Quality Assessment Parameters For Florida Streams, Lakes and Estuaries, Screening Levels-Typical Values-Florida Criteria.

Parameter	Units	Screening Level	Typical Values 10% (Median) 90%	Florida Criteria (17-302) Class III
** Water Body Type: Stream				
Alkalinity	CaCO ₃ , mg/l	13	(75) 150	20.0 mg/l min.
Beck's Biotic Index	Index #	<5.5	4 (14) 32	
BOD 5 Day	mg/l	>3.3	0.8 (1.5) 5.1	Not cause DO<5 mg/l
Chlorophyll	ug/l		1 (6) 30	
COD	mg/l	>102	16 (46) 146	
Coliform-Fecal	#/100 ml	>470	10 (75) 960	200/100 ml
Coliform-total	#/100 ml	>3700	100 (600) 7600	1000/100 ml
Color	Platinum-Color Units	21	(71) 235	No nuisance conditions
Conductivity	micromho	>1275	100 (335) 1300	1275 or 50% abv background
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/l	<4.0	3.1 (5.8) 8.0	5.0 mg/l
Diversity Artificial Sub	index	<1.95	1.4 (2.9) 3.6	min. 75% of DI
Diversity Natural Substr	index	<1.50	1.2 (2.4) 3.5	min. 75% of DI (marine)
DO % Saturation	%		36 (68) 90	
Fecal Strep	#/100 ml		20 (15) 1700	
Fluoride	mg/l		0.1 (0.2) 0.8	10.0 mg/l
Nitrogen-total	mg/l as N	>2.0	0.5 (1.2) 2.7	Not cause imbalance
pH	standard units		6.1 (7.1) 7.9	<6.0 >8.5
Phosphorus-total	mg/l as P	>0.46	0.02 (0.09) 0.89	Not cause imbalance
Secchi Disc Depth	meters		0.4 (0.8) 1.7	min. 90% background
Temperature	centigrade		19 (23) 28	No nuisance conditions
Total Organic Carbon	mg/l	>27.5	5 (14) 37	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	>18.0	2 (7) 26	
Turbidity	JTU FTU	>16.5	1.5 (5) 21	29 NTUs above background
** Waterbody Type: Lake				
Alkalinity	CaCO ₃ , mg/l	>20.	2 (28) 116	20.0 mg/l min.
Chlorophyll	ug/l	>40.	1 (12) 70	
Nitrogen-total	mg/l as N	>2.0	0.4 (1.1) 2.5	Not cause imbalance
Phosphorus-total	mg/l as P	>0.12	0.01 (0.05) 0.29	Not cause imbalance
Secchi Disc Depth	meters	<0.7	0.4 (0.9) 2.7	Min. 90% background
** Waterbody Type: Estuary				
Chlorophyll	ug/l	>40	1 (9) 36	
Nitrogen-total	mg/l as N	>2.0	0.3 (0.8) 1.6	Not cause imbalance
Phosphorus-total	mg/l as P	>0.12	0.01 (0.07) 0.20	Not cause imbalance
Secchi Disc Depth	meters	<0.7	0.6 (1.1) 3.0	Min. 90% background

Toxic Pollutant Assessment

The assessment of toxic pollutants in Florida's waters was accomplished by an inventory of 9 STORET toxic metal parameters for 1991-93 (Table 9). The Florida surface water quality standards (Chapter 17-302, Florida Administrative Code) were used to assess whether the toxic pollutant was found at an elevated level. Several standards are based on hardness levels, however, since hardness levels were not available in all cases, a hardness value of 100 mg/l as calcium carbonate was assumed. An elevated level was defined as any exceedance of the standard for any of the nine metals. Generally, each waterbody was sampled two or three times for several of the metals during the last three years.

Nonpoint Source Assessment

An extensive assessment of nonpoint source impacts on Florida's waters was conducted in 1988 through the use of a questionnaire sent to all major State agencies (Water Management Districts, Division of Forestry, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission), city and county offices, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Forestry Service, Regional Planning Councils, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, citizen environmental groups (Sierra Clubs, Audubon Society and others) and professional outdoor guides. The respondents (approximately 150 agencies and 350-400 participants) to the questionnaire identified nonpoint sources of pollution, environmental pollution symptoms (fish kills, algal blooms, etc.) pollutants and miscellaneous comments. The assessment has been updated in 1994. The 1994 nonpoint source assessment was performed more efficiently than the 1988 version due largely to the use of GIS technology for compiling and displaying the data, and also advancements in the questionnaire methodology. Scannable forms were used eliminating the need to key punch data and integration with the 305b report was much improved.

Florida's 1994 nonpoint source assessment was performed using a qualitative, best professional judgment approach. Unlike point source pollution analysis and its readily available STORET ambient data, there is rarely any convenient database of water quality monitoring data that has been designed for analyzing impacts of nonpoint source pollution on surface waters. Therefore, the assessment procedure was designed to make use of the knowledge of experienced field personnel who had information about individual waterbodies. The 1994 survey was sent to essentially the same group of professionals as the 1988 report and approximately fifty respondents identified nonpoint sources of pollution, environmental symptoms of pollution (fish kills, algal blooms, etc.), degree of impairment (rating) of a waterbody and miscellaneous comments. A total of 1720 watersheds or about 40 % of the total watersheds were qualitatively assessed by the respondents. Data tables summarizing the 1994 NPS survey are presented for each basin in this report. The remainder of this section describes the information presented in these tables.

Table 9. Toxic Metals in the Water Column.

Metal	Storet Parameter Number	Number of Waterbodies Sampled	Florida Criteria (ppb)	% of Waterbodies With Exceedances
Arsenic	1002	162	50	0%
Cadmium	1027	211	1.1	17%
Chromium	1034	155	207*	0%
Copper	1042	330	12*	10%
Iron	1045	378	1000	22%
Lead	1051	240	3.2*	30%
Mercury	71900	129	0.012	47%
Nickel	1067	130	158*	0%
Zinc	1092	253	106	10%

* actual criteria is dependent on water hardness which was assumed to be 100 mg/l as calcium carbonate since hardness was not available in all waterbodies

The impairment rating of a waterbody was defined as status of waters within a watershed as determined by support or nonsupport of designated use. The status of a watershed was dependent on making a determination of designated use support that applied to all surface waters within the aerial extent of that watershed. Designated use refers to the classification or standards and criteria applied to all Florida waters.

Impairment rating categories used were as follows:

1. Good (meets designated use). All surface waters in the watershed are supporting their use classification with no evidence of nonpoint source problems.
2. Threatened (meets designated use). All surface waters in the watershed are attaining their use classification, but in the absence of any future management activities, it is suspected that within five years at least some of the surface waters in the watershed will not support their designated use.
3. Fair (partially meets designated use). Some, but not all, surface waters in the watershed are not supporting their designated use.
4. Poor (does not meet use). All surface waters in the watershed are not supporting their designated use.

Nonpoint source pollution is generally associated with land use activities which do not have a well-defined point of discharge, such as discharge from a pipe or smoke stack. Nonpoint contaminants are carried to waterbodies by direct runoff or percolation through the soil to groundwater. There are many different potential source areas. Some of the common activities and sources which were considered in the nonpoint source assessment include:

1. Construction site runoff. This type of source can provide sediment, chemicals and debris to surface waters.
2. Urban stormwater. Runoff from buildings, streets and parking lots carries with it oil, grease, metals, fertilizers and other pollutants.
3. Land disposal. Leachate from septic tanks and landfills may pollute groundwater or local surface waters. Contamination of surface waters can be by either by direct runoff or discharge from groundwater.
4. Agricultural runoff. Runoff from fields and pastures carries with it sediments, pesticides and animal wastes (which can be a source of bacteria and viruses and nutrients).
5. Silviculture operations. Logging activities which erode forest soils add turbidity and suspended solids to local surface waters.
6. Mining. This type of activity can cause siltation in nearby waterbodies, release of radioactive materials to groundwater, discharge of acid mine drainage and depletion of water supplies in aquifers.

7. Hydrologic modification. Dams, canals, channelization and other alternations to the flow of a waterbody result in habitat destruction and in general water quality deterioration.

Abbreviations were used for the nonpoint source categories in the NPS data tables which are found in each basin write-up on the following pages. Those abbreviations correspond to the sources as described below:

AG	=	Agricultural runoff
RE	=	Resource extraction or mining
SL	=	Silvaculture or for operations
LD	=	Land disposal
UR	=	Urban runoff
CN	=	Construction site runoff
HM	=	Hydrologic Modification
OT	=	Other nonpoint source
IND	=	Industrial site runoff
STP	=	Sewage treatment plant

Data for the last two point source categories were not obtained from the 1994 NPS assessment survey, but rather they come from the 1992 305(b) Report.

Respondents were provided with 15 choices of pollutants and 9 choices of symptoms for use in characterizing the status of a watershed. Pollutant choices or categories and their descriptions are provided below:

1. Nutrients. An imbalance of nitrogen and or phosphorus which resulted in algal blooms or nuisance aquatic plant growth. Standards for Class III waterbodies are based on this criteria.
2. Bacteria. This refers to the presence of high levels of coliform, strep and enteric fecal organisms which cause the closure of waters to swimming and shellfishing.
3. Sediments. Soil erosion which results in high levels of turbidity.
4. Oil and Grease. Hydrocarbon pollution resulting from highway runoff, marina, and industrial areas. Their presence is evidenced as a sheen on the water surface.
5. Pesticides. These class of chemicals can be found in runoff from agricultural lands and some urban areas.
6. Other Chemicals. General category for other chemicals besides pesticides and oil and grease, typically associated with landfills, industrial land uses and hazardous waste sites.

7. Debris. This category includes trash ranging from Styrofoam plates and cups to yard clippings and dead animals.
8. Oxygen Depletion. Low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water column resulting in odor problems (anoxic waters) and fish kills.
9. Salinity. Changes in salinity caused by too much or too little freshwater inflows. Typical results are declines in the fishery and changes in species composition.
10. pH. Change in the acidity of surface waters with resultant declines in fisheries and other changes to flora and fauna, such as reductions in diversity or abundance.
11. Metals. Anthropogenically enriched levels of trace metals commonly associated with urbanized watersheds and marinas.
12. Habitat Alteration. Landuse activities which adversely affect the resident flora and fauna. Included with habitat alteration is habitat loss.
13. Flow Alteration. Landuse activities which influence the flow characteristics of a watershed resulting in adverse affects upon flora and fauna.
14. Thermal Pollution. Activity which changes local temperature of receiving water relative to ambient temperature.
15. Other Pollutants. General category used to describe activities and impacts not described in the other 14 categories.

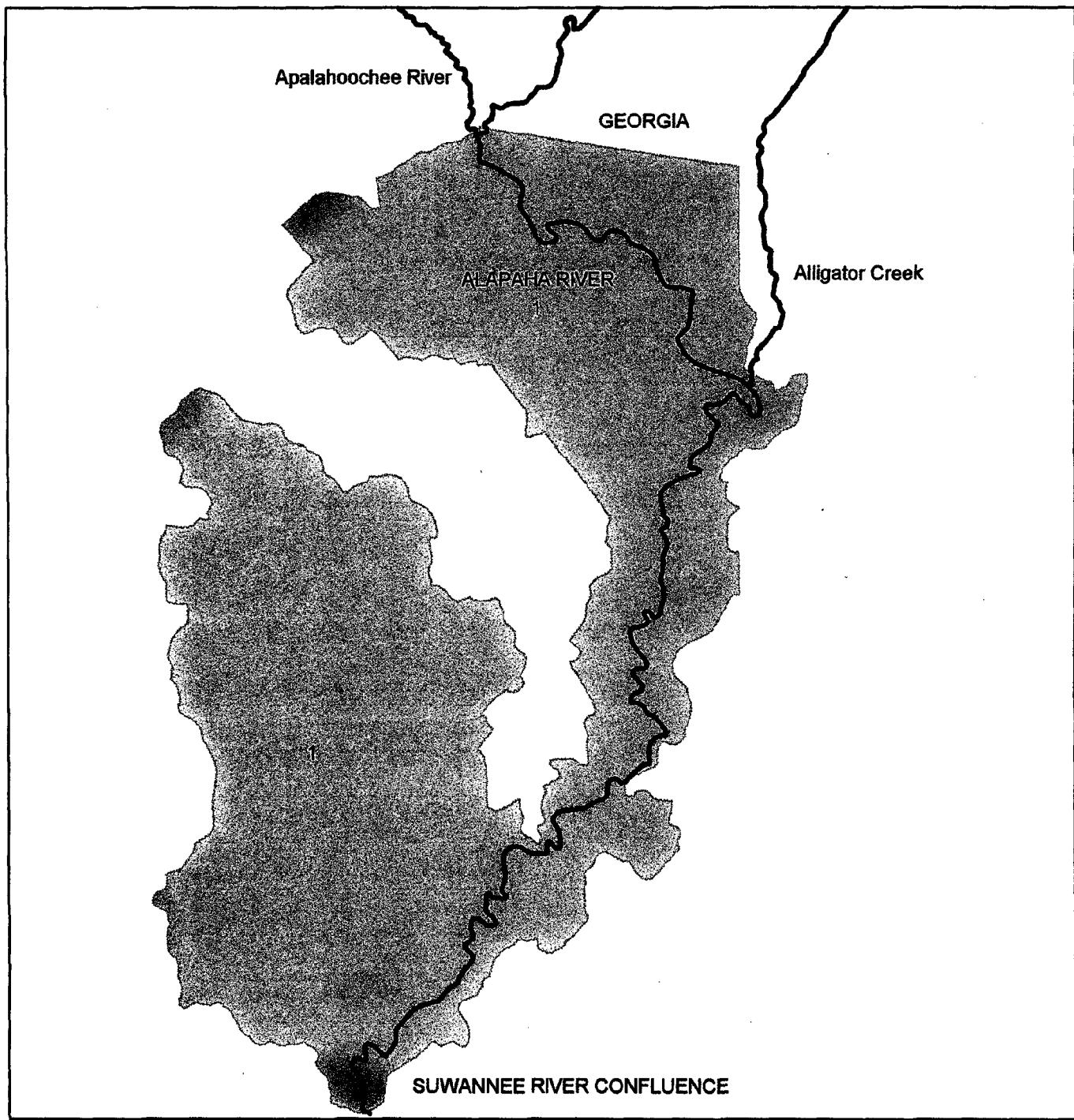
Responses of waterbodies to the above listed sources of pollutants were defined as symptoms. The nine symptoms used for categorization are defined as follows:

1. Fish Kills. Dead and dying fish caused by designated source of pollution.
2. Algal Blooms. Excessive growth of algae resulting from nutrient enrichment.
3. Aquatic Plants. Density of exotic and nuisance plants such that impairment of the waterbody occurs. Nutrient enrichment is usually the cause.
4. Turbidity. High suspended sediment loads in water column resulting from soil erosion. Effects on the waterbody include smothering of benthos and reduced light penetration with resultant loss of plant and algal productivity.
5. Odor. Unpleasant smells resulting from low dissolved oxygen conditions (anoxia) and or fish kills.
6. Declining Fisheries. Reduction in landings of or increases in catch per unit effort to catch game and commercial species indicating loss of productive fishery.
7. No Swimming. Closure of recreational swimming areas due to public health risks, usually caused by high coliform bacteria counts.
8. No Fishing. Closure of recreational or commercial fishing areas because of threats to human health from elevated bacteria counts or levels of contaminants.

9. Other Symptoms. General category used for information that cannot be placed in any other category.

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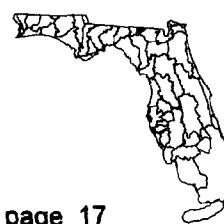
EPA has revised its criteria for determining the status of waters as documented in Appendix B of the Guidelines for the Preparation of the 1994 State Water Quality Assessments (305(b) Report). Often, a variety of assessment techniques were available for each watershed (e.g., chemical data, biological data and NPS survey results) and in this case a use decision was made based on integrating all the information. If quantitative data were available on the water quality of a waterbody (through the Trophic State Index or Water Quality Index) then the designated use of the waterbody was determined from the quantitative information, and if no quantitative data were available, then the qualitative NPS survey results were used to estimate designated use of the waterbody. Current data was available for assessment of about 1100 watersheds, historic data was used in 400 watersheds, and qualitative data was used in 1000 watersheds. The NPS survey provided all the information on sources of pollution (e.g. urban or construction runoff) and part of the information on causes and symptoms of pollution. Integrating the information from the quantitative (STORET) analysis and the qualitative NPS survey was not easy, but many additional watersheds were assessed based on the results of the integration. In the future, the two techniques should blend together much better through increased coordination of efforts.



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AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY
[solid black box] GOOD
[dark gray box] THREATENED
[light gray box] FAIR
[white box] POOR
[white box] UNKNOWN



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ALAPAHHA RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 1,840 square miles (about 5% in Florida)
Major Land Uses: forest, agriculture
Population Density: very low (Jasper)
Major Pollution Sources: all-terrain vehicle usage of river bed when dry, point sources in Georgia
Best Water Quality Areas: flow dependent
Worst Water Quality Areas: flow dependent
Water Quality Trends: stable trend at 1 site
OFW Waterbodies: none
SWIM Waterbodies: part of the Suwannee River SWIM Plan
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In the News

- * A chicken rendering plant was proposed in Georgia near the Alapaha River. It was proposed that wastewater from the plant be sprayed on a 30 acre field 4000 feet from the river. Opponents have expressed concern that runoff would contaminate the river, however, there is no record of impacts to date.

Ecological Characterization

The Alapaha River basin originates in Georgia and terminates at the Suwannee River north of the Town of Live Oak in Florida. The basin drains 1840 square miles (376 river miles) of which 100 (18 river miles) are in Florida. The Florida portion of the basin is mostly forest and agricultural land.

In Georgia, the river is mostly blackwater with some alluvial runoff. After entering Florida, it flows into a karst terrain where it is captured by sinkholes during low flow (about half the time). It re-emerges near its confluence with the Suwannee River, most probably as Alapaha Rise Spring or Holton Springs. The underground and groundwater connections buffer the Alapaha to a near-neutral pH. The River contributes an annual average of 15% of the annual flow to the Suwannee River.

Anthropogenic Impacts

Point sources of pollution to the river located in Georgia are the Cities of Alapaha, Fitzgerald, and Lakeland WWTPs. Within Florida, the City of Jasper WWTP discharges into a tributary, Bell Creek, of the river. The Alapaha River appears to have good water quality in the Florida reach. It flows through rural areas of low intensity agriculture and silviculture. There may be significant habitat impacts since at low flow the dry or semi-dry riverbed is a favorite area for all-terrain vehicle use.

The river has been monitored since 1989 by SRWMD as a SWIM priority water. The sampling station is located below the river's confluence with the Alapahoochee River near the Town of Jennings.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED USED WHERE AVAILABLE
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110202 ALAPHA RIVER

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD										WATER QUALITY INDICES													
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*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	46	89	93	Current	5.3	0.8	140	5	7.7	82	1.0	.	15	5.9	5	0.98	0.18	1	185	.	.	56	.	38
1	ALAPHA RIVER																								

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD										WATER QUALITY INDICES													
		BEG YR	END YR	DATA PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	OXYGEN DEMAND	PH	ALKALINITY	TROPHIC STATUS	COLIFORM	COND	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI	
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	46	89	93	Current	5.3	0.8	140	5	7.7	82	1.0	.	15	5.9	5	0.98	0.18	1	185	.	.	56	.	38
1	ALAPHA RIVER																								

LEGEND:
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 END YR-ENDING YEAR
 FECL-FE CALIFORM MPN/100ML
 FLOW-FLOW CFS
 NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
 PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
 PROS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L
 BECK-DECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMROS

DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 DOSAT-DO % SATURATION
 END YR-ENDING YEAR
 FECL-FE CALIFORM MPN/100ML
 FLOW-FLOW CFS

MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 TUR-TURBIDITY MG/L
 TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
 TSII-TROPHIC STATE INDEX
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

** USGS' HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110202 ALAPALA RIVER

* "X"=EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
"0"=WITHIN SCREENING CRITERIA

MISSING DATA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WQI CURRENT OR TSI	HISTORICAL	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM TP	LAKE TP	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CHLA	SECCHI DISC
						TN>2.0	TP>.46	TP>.12	ALK>8.8	(TURB)>16.5 (COND)>1275	BOD>3.3	DO<4	(TOD)>3700 (DIAT)<1.95	CHLA>40	SD<.7		
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM 1 ALAPALA RIVER	GOOD Current	0	1	0	1	1	0	x	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	

LEGEND:
 COND=CONDUCTIVITY
 ALK=ALKALINITY
 BACT=BACTERIA
 DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
 DIAT=DIATOM INDEX
 BIOL DIV=BIOTIC DIVERSITY
 CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
 TN=NITROGEN

WQI OR TSI=WATER QUALITY INDEX RATING
 WHICH INDEX USED, WQI OR TSI, IS
 BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE

FECAL=FAecal Coliform Bacteria
 HISTORICAL=1970 TO 1988
 CURRENT=1989 TO 1993
 DIAT=ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 BIOL DIV=NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
 TN=NITROGEN

TP=PHOSPHORUS
 TOT=TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
 TSS=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURB=TURBIDITY
 SD=SECCHI DISC METERS

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

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WATERSHED ID: 1984 - 1993 TRENDS
NAME: ALAPALA RIVER

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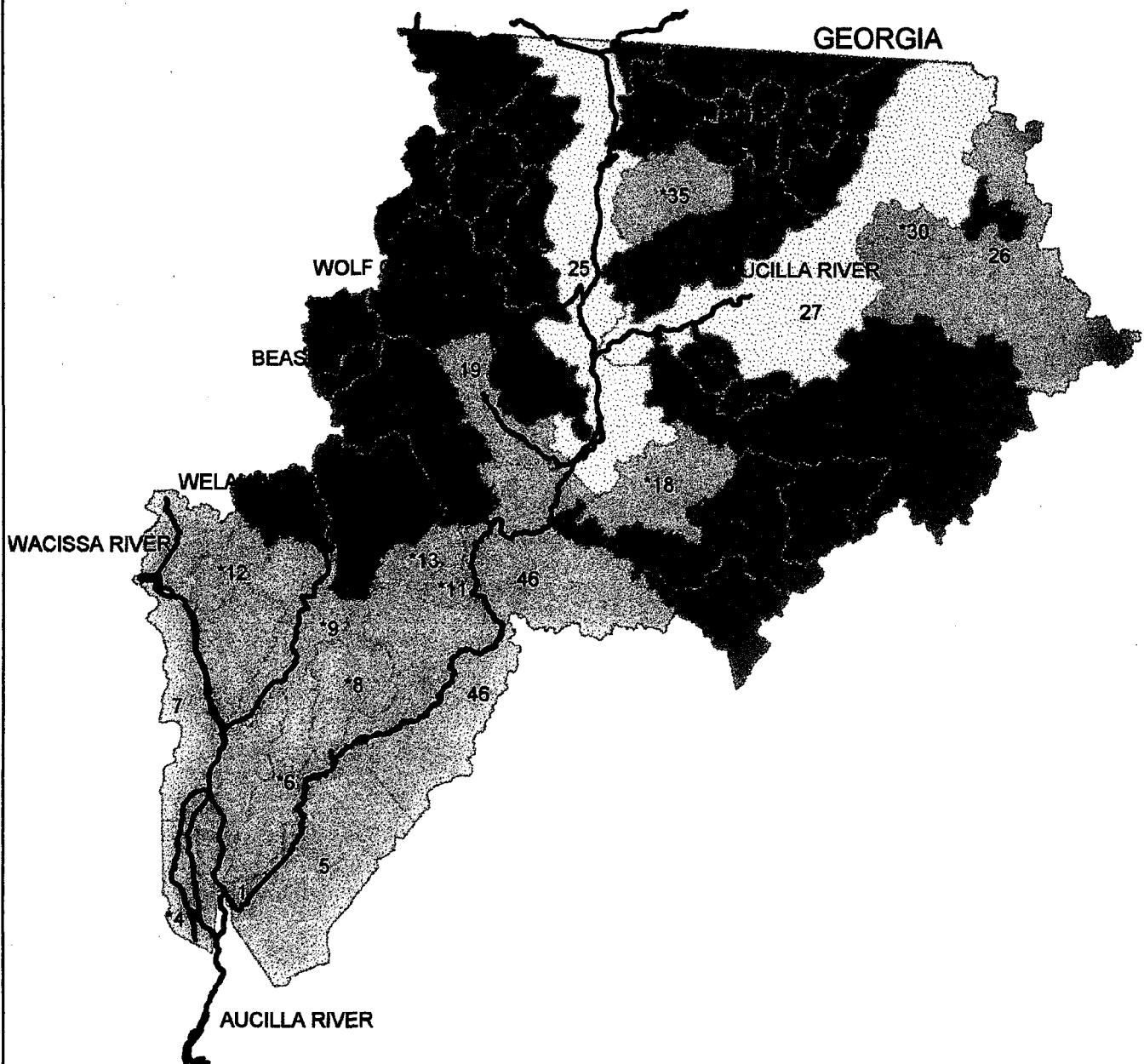
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LEGEND:
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MBTS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE
PH-PH
SD-SUCCINI DISC METRBS

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TOC-T. ORGANIC CARBON
TP-PHOSPHOUS
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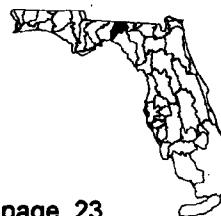
TURB-TURBIDITY
TSI-TROPHIC STATE INDEX FOR LAKES AND ESTUARIES
WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX FOR STREAMS AND SPRINGS



AUCILLA RIVER BASIN
03110103

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY
[Good] GOOD
[Threatened] THREATENED
[Fair] FAIR
[Poor] POOR
[Unknown] UNKNOWN



AUCILLA RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 850 square miles (about 733 square miles in Florida)

Major Land Uses: silviculture, agriculture

Population Density: very low

Major Pollution Sources: silviculture, cattle access to Wacissa

Best Water Quality Areas: Aucilla and Wacissa River

Worst Water Quality Areas: Little Aucilla

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 3 sites and improving quality
on Lower Aucilla

OWF Waterbodies: Wacissa River, Aucilla River

SWIM Waterbodies: Coastal Rivers

Reference Reports:

Aucilla River System SWIM Plan, SRWMD, 1990

Florida Rivers Assessment, DEP/FREAC/NPS, 1989

Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DEP (Tallahassee), 1988

Aucilla River System SWIM Plan, SRWMD, 1991

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Ecological Characterization

The Aucilla River is an exceptional jewel among Florida's rivers. The Aucilla River and its main tributary, the Wacissa River, are designated Outstanding Florida Waters. Originating in Georgia, the blackwater Aucilla flows approximately 69 miles to the Gulf of Mexico and drains 733 square miles of northern Florida. The headwaters are a series of lakes, swamps, sinkholes and underground passages that eventually coalesce into a defined channel. Water quality is characterized by tea-colored water due to natural humic substances. This stretch of the river is a favorite of canoeists as it offers some of Florida's rare river rapids. The river goes underground and, for about 2 miles, is evident only as a series of sinkholes until it reappears about 5 miles downstream in a swampy area around Nutall Rise.

The Wacissa River originates from several springs about 15 miles southeast of Tallahassee. This stream runs clear during periods of low rainfall, but becomes tannic during rainy times. It flows through an area abounding in wildlife and diverse vegetation. After about 12 miles, the Wacissa begins to diverge into several braided channels that form a maze of surface and underground passages eventually emptying into the Aucilla near where it emerges. A shallow canal built by Indians and rebuilt by slaves (in the early 19th century) provides canoe passage to the Aucilla River through virtually untouched floodplain and swamps.

Both the Aucilla and Wacissa are rich in archaeological sites, including prehistoric fossil records and evidence of early Indian settlements. Both river corridors are refuge to many rare and endangered species. Most of the drainage area is in silviculture, and much of the river corridor area is in public ownership.

The mouth of the Aucilla empties into an expanse of Spartina saltmarsh adjoining the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The water quality of the river is currently being monitored by DEP. It was previously sampled in 1987 as part of a Basin Assessment. An integrated comprehensive investigation of water quality and biological resources has not been performed. Water quality appears to be very good in this basin. There are few pollution sources and relatively low impact land uses. The upper reaches of the Aucilla River and the Little Aucilla River are swampy and have little flow. They are naturally low in pH and dissolved oxygen. Consequently, biological diversity is low especially in the Little Aucilla. However, after the stream coalesces into a defined stream, and its flow supplemented by groundwater, biological diversity improves (near Lamont). All reaches below this area normally have levels of pH and DO consistent with unpolluted flowing streams.

Although still supporting healthy populations of native aquatic plants, the Wacissa does periodically have areas clogged with Hydrilla and water hyacinth. Also, near where the Wacissa becomes diffuse before reaching the Aucilla, there is an area where cattle have direct access to the water.

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WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD			WATER CLARITY			DISSOLVED OXYGEN			PH ALKALINITY			TROPHIC STATUS			BIOLOGICAL SPECIES DIVERSITY			WATER QUALITY INDICES			
		MAX #OBS	BEG YR	END YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO	PHOS	CHLA	TOTAL FECAL NAT	ART BECK	COND FLOW	WQI	TSI
*	WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																						
26	DEVILS WOODWARD SLOUGH	3	80	80	Historical	.	.	15	.	.	.	.	.	6.7	9	0.51	0.01	4	.	.	.	28	.
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																						
1	AUCILLA RIVER	30	91	93	Current	0.7	.	65	3	7.0	67	1.1	.	7.3	135	0.35	0.04	.	680	74	.	295	25
5	AUCILLA RIVER	53	78	86	Historical	1.3	.	7.0	7.0	72	.	17	7.0	57	0.76	0.06	.	36	36	.	103	422	
7	WACILLA RIVER	63	71	75	Historical	1.7	.	5	2	6.6	72	0.3	3	7.8	146	0.17	0.05	.	1120	145	.	319	372
19	RAYSOR CREEK	18	71	74	Historical	2.2	.	358	4	3.6	39	0.7	101	0	3.6	0	0.11	.	117	35	.	43	44
25	AUCILLA RIVER	25	91	93	Current	1.7	0.5	225	6	4.0	45	1.5	.	5.0	2	1.09	0.03	.	355	60	.	43	46
27	LITTLE AUCILLA RIVER	44	91	93	Current	1.1	0.3	325	5	2.2	24	2.0	.	4.2	1	1.51	0.04	.	550	43	.	51	50
46	AUCILLA RIVER	43	91	93	Current	1.6	0.9	115	4	6.2	67	1.4	.	7.2	89	0.53	0.03	.	380	60	3.0	3.6	35

LEGEND:
 ALK-ALKALINITY MG/L DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 COD-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L COD-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 END YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR FECCL-FECAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML FECCL-FECAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMHOES COND-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
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 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L TSS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L

INDEX
 GOOD FAIR POOR
 WQI-RIVER 0-44 45-59 60-90
 TS1-ESTUARY 0-49 50-59 60-100
 TS1-LAKE 0-59 60-69 70-100
 TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
 WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
 TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 TS1-TROPHIC STATE INDEX
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
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SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM TP	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA						
												WQI OR TSI	CURRENT OR HISTORICAL	TURB>16.5 TSS>18	BOD>3.3 COD>10.2 TOC>27.5	COLIFORM BACCI	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CHLA DISC	SECCHI DISC
26	DEVILS WOODWARD SLOUGH	1	GOOD	HISTORICAL	0	-	1	0	0	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																	
1	AUCILLA RIVER	1	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-
5	AUCILLA RIVER	1	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-
7	WACISSA RIVER	1	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-
19	RAVOR CREEK	1	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-
25	AUCILLA RIVER	1	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	X	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-
27	LITTLE AUCILLA RIVER	1	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	X	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-
46	AUCILLA RIVER	1	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-

LEGEND:
 COND=CONDUCTIVITY
 ALK=ALKALINITY
 TP=PHOSPHORUS
 HISTORICAL=1970 TO 1986
 DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
 CURRENT=1989 TO 1993
 BRCK=BRICK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 TSS=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 DIAT=ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 BIOI=BIOTIC DIVERSITY
 CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
 TURB=TURBIDITY
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 TN=NITROGEN

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SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

'x' =DEGRADING TREND
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'.'=MISSING DATA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WQI MEETS US S ?	WQI TREND	QUALITY RANK	1984 - 1993 TRENDS										DEGRADATION SOURCES, PRESENT CONDITIONS AND CLEANUP EFFORTS		
					T	I	T	C	S	P	A	T	B	T	D	D	
*	WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																
26	DEVILS WOODYARD SLOUGH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																
1	AUCILLA RIVER	YES	GOOD	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	AUCILLA RIVER	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	WACISSA RIVER	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19	RAYSBOR CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25	AUCILLA RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	+	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	
27	LITTLE AUCILLA RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
46	AUCILLA RIVER	YES	GOOD	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	+1	

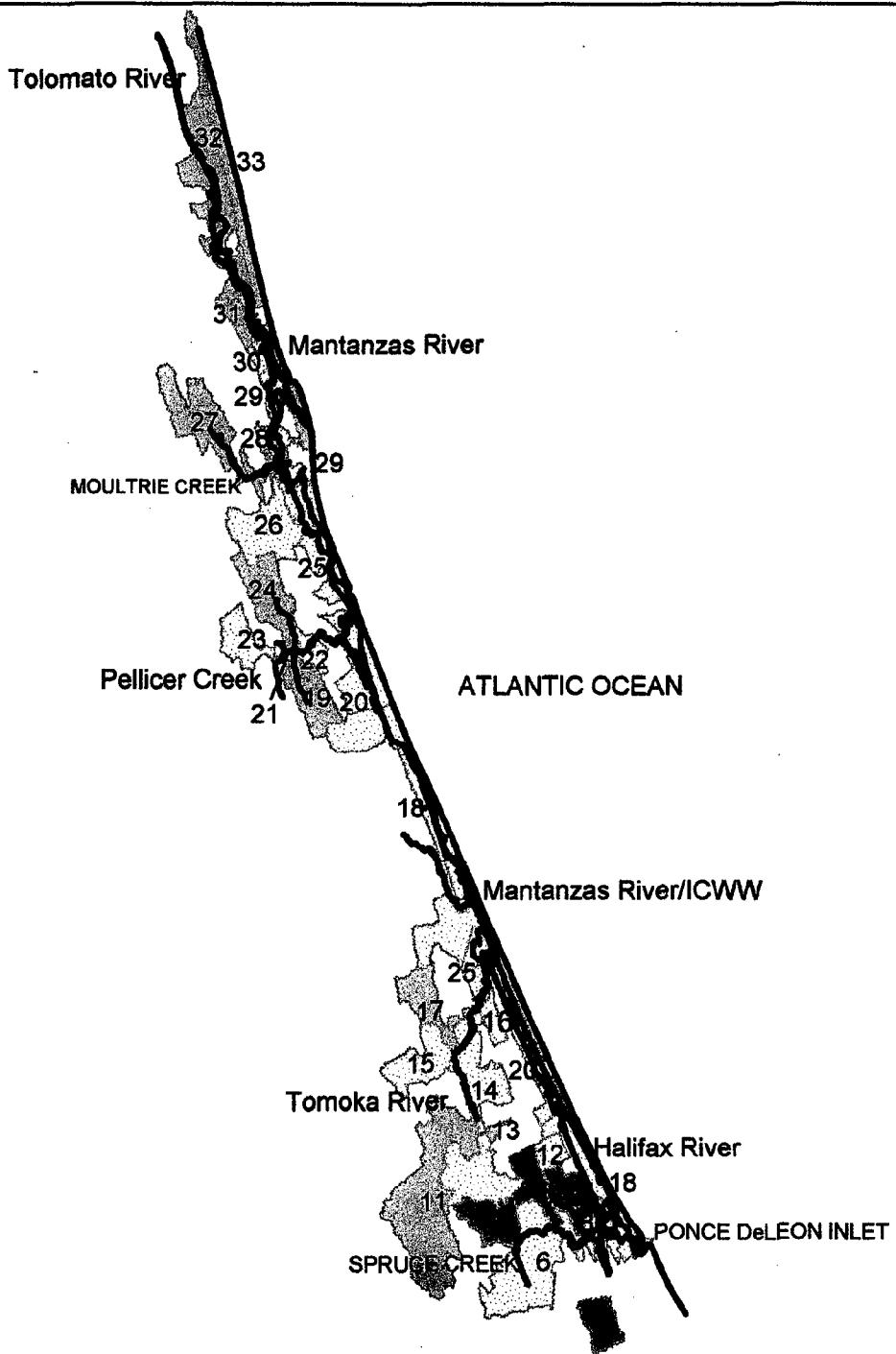
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LEGEND:
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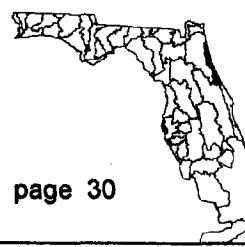
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UPPER EAST COAST BASIN
03080201

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

GOOD
THREATENED
FAIR
POOR
UNKNOWN



UPPER EAST COAST BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 730 square miles

Major Land Uses: urban, wetlands, forest

Population Density: moderately high (Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, St. Augustine)

Major Pollution Sources: urban runoff, WWTP

Best Water Quality Areas: Matanzas River, Casa Cola Cr.

Worst Water Quality Areas: B-19 Canal

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 11 sites, declining quality in Palm Court, improving in Casa Cola Cr. and Halifax River near Marineland

OFW Waterbodies:

Tomoka Marsh State Aquatic Preserve, Tomoka River

Pellicer Creek State Aquatic Preserve, Spruce Creek

SWIM Waterbodies: none

Reference Reports:

Coastal Area BAS, DEP (Jacksonville), 1987

Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DEP (Tallahassee), 1988

Biological Assessment of St. Augustine WWTP #2, July, 1993, DEP

Biological Assessment of City of Flagler Beach WWTP, April, 1993, DEP

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Ecological Characterization

The Upper East Coast basin starts just south of Jacksonville and extends south to New Smyrna Beach. The basin consists of a narrow strip of coastal ridge separating the Atlantic Ocean from a narrow lagoon system and the mainland. These lagoons, called "rivers", connect to the ocean by three inlets and to each other through the Intracoastal Waterway. The three major estuarine "rivers" are the Tolomato River to the north (from St. Augustine to Jacksonville), the Matanzas River in the middle (ICWW from St. Augustine Inlet to Matanzas Inlet), and the Halifax River in the south. The Guana River is another lagoon roughly parallel and seaward of the Tolomato and connected to the Tolomato near the St. Augustine inlet. However, it is not part of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The majority of the watersheds in this basin are drained by relatively small creeks into the lagoons. In the northern basin, the Moultrie Creek drainage area and the Pellicer Creek watershed are dominated by forest land, but also have significant amounts of wetlands. The Tomoka River, in the southern portion of the basin, drains wetlands. Both sub-basins have some agricultural drainage through inland canals. Urban areas in the basin include St. Augustine, Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach and several other smaller

communities. Increased development in certain areas, such as Palm Coast and Palm Valley in Ponte Vedra, could adversely influence the Intercoastal Waterway and their respective areas.

Anthropogenic Impacts

A basin assessment of the East Coast Basin performed by district personnel indicated major water quality problems in the Halifax River between Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach. There are elevated nutrient concentrations and excessive turbidity in the area due to urban runoff and effluent from several municipal WWTPs which have a combined discharge of about 30 MGD. There is suspected oil and grease contamination in this area from the numerous auto service businesses along the river. Maintenance dredging of the ICWW resuspends sediments and their associated nutrients, metals and oxygen demanding substances. Finally, there are six causeway bridges which act as physical obstructions and serve to compartmentalize the pollution and decrease circulation. A wasteload allocation study of the Halifax River based on water quality data and tidal measurements recommended that advanced wastewater treatment was necessary in order to prevent further degradation. The WWTPs are in the process of, or have agreed to upgrade treatment levels and make further investigation into re-use possibilities. Additionally, the Port Orange Causeway has been modified to allow for better circulation of the southern Halifax.

Other areas in the basin which show borderline good-fair water quality are Spruce Creek and Tomoka River. Both receive agricultural runoff, and the lower Tomoka also gets airport runoff. Attempts are under way in these areas to improve the quality of stormwater runoff through the use of treatment basins. A DEP basin assessment found both creeks to have a relatively good biological community. The Nonpoint Source Assessment indicates the Moultrie Creek and Pellicer Creek, in the northern portion of the basin, are degraded by construction and urban runoff.

The ICWW from Jacksonville Beach to south of Flagler Beach was the subject of a past basin assessment. The Matanzas River around St. Augustine is affected by urban runoff, WWTPs, port activities. The river exhibits elevated nutrient concentrations and some metals contamination problems. The Matanzas, and Tolomato Rivers are classified for shellfish harvesting, but are closed to shellfishing.

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** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03080201 EAST COAST, UPPER

WATERSHED ID NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD			WATER CLARITY			DISSOLVED OXYGEN			PH ALKALINITY			TROPHIC STATUS			WATER QUALITY INDICES								
	#OBS	BEG. YR	END YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DO SAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO PROS	CHLA	TOTAL FEC.	ART	BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI	
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY																								
1 ICM	48	89	93	Current	4.4	1.2	19	16	5.9	71	1.3	-	7.8	115	0.61	0.08	3	39	3	3.5	-	41825	-	
2 MARIANAS RIVER	95	90	93	Current	5.7	0.9	24	29	6.0	70	1.1	-	7.8	116	0.67	0.08	7	59	15	2.9	-	46725	-	
3 MARIANAS RIVER	3.6	1.6	1.0	14	6.7	78	1.2	-	8.1	115	0.53	0.18	-	13	7	3.1	-	45575	-	43	-			
4 MARIANAS RIVER	135	90	93	Current	4.4	1.0	50	20	6.2	68	1.3	-	7.6	110	0.79	0.10	111	12	3.6	-	38725	-		
8 ROSE BAY	72	91	93	Current	5.7	0.6	38	26	6.7	72	1.6	-	7.6	111	0.79	0.10	11	179	11	2.3	0.16	27700	-	
18 HALIFAX RIVER	415	89	93	Current	5.7	1.3	23	14	7.1	78	1.6	-	7.9	113	1.10	0.14	2	40	23	4.0	-	44875	-	
20 HALIFAX RIVER	321	89	93	Current	8.5	0.9	38	20	7.1	77	1.8	-	7.7	113	1.20	0.13	7	30	13	-	-	37265	-	
25 TOMOKA BASIN	32	92	93	Current	6.8	0.9	46	20	7.0	75	1.3	-	7.5	125	1.30	0.09	5	21	16	-	-	35698	-	
29 PALM COAST	186	89	93	Current	7.6	0.6	36	20	6.3	70	1.4	-	7.5	118	0.81	0.11	4	75	15	2.6	-	41625	-	
30 ROBINSON CREEK	30	90	93	Current	3.2	1.6	23	17	6.7	75	1.3	-	8.1	113	0.56	0.08	7	6	-	-	-	44000	-	
31 CASA COLA CREEK	18	89	90	Current	6.9	1.4	28	38	5.8	62	1.0	-	1	7.5	106	0.34	0.06	5	7	-	-	-	49638	-
32 ICM	124	89	93	Current	6.4	1.0	31	33	6.2	72	1.2	-	7.5	112	0.57	0.07	5	46	4	4.6	-	43875	-	
33 GUANO RIVER	12	89	90	Current	7.4	1.3	31	50	5.3	61	1.7	-	3	7.2	101	0.66	0.10	8	-	-	-	-	46900	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																								
28 SALT RUN	6	90	90	Current	3.6	1.1	15	15	5.8	65	1.6	-	8.0	120	0.23	0.36	.	13	-	-	-	50000	-	
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																								
6 SPRUCE CREEK	199	89	93	Current	4.7	0.6	100	10	5.4	59	-	-	10	7.2	159	1.23	0.13	4	185	103	-	-	5385	1
10 UNNAMED DITCH	13	83	84	Historical	-	-	158	-	4.5	56	-	-	7.2	-	1.75	0.26	-	-	-	-	-	356	8	
11 THAYER CANAL	13	83	84	Historical	-	-	243	-	3.3	39	-	-	5.7	-	0.65	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	85	1	
13 UNNAMED DITCH	6	83	84	Historical	-	-	99	-	4.6	56	-	-	7.0	-	0.55	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	328	0	
14 TOMOKA RIVER	59	89	93	Current	4.7	0.8	143	8	5.7	60	1.8	-	7.3	125	1.15	0.09	4	260	105	-	-	15723	52	
15 LITTLE TOMOKA RIVER	34	86	86	Historical	7.3	0.4	314	7	4.8	53	1.8	-	6.8	44	1.39	0.05	2	-	-	-	-	5278	55	
16 UNNAMED BRANCH	20	85	86	Historical	5.7	0.5	223	9	4.3	50	1.6	-	7.1	64	1.27	0.11	6	-	-	-	-	7325	54	
17 GROVER BRANCH	7	85	86	Historical	6.0	0.4	160	5	5.0	53	0.9	-	7.0	39	0.97	0.05	1	-	-	-	-	200	38	
19 HULETT BRANCH	3	92	92	Current	2.0	0.5	150	1	6.0	63	-	-	6.1	76	0.34	0.11	1	-	-	-	-	310	42	
21 PELLICER CREEK	3	92	92	Current	3.0	0.2	600	2	6.3	64	-	-	6.3	43	1.71	0.17	0	-	-	-	-	170	51	
22 PELLICER CREEK	24	89	93	Current	2.2	0.3	450	2	4.0	46	1.2	-	29	67	59	1.09	0.08	1	-	-	-	-	505	54
23 STEVENS BRANCH	4	92	92	Current	2.5	0.5	700	1	7.1	71	-	-	55	6.4	57	1.44	0.14	2	-	-	-	-	280	46
24 CRACKER BRANCH	5	92	93	Current	1.5	0.3	430	2	6.8	67	-	-	45	5.2	16	1.14	0.05	0	-	-	-	-	150	43
26 MOSES CREEK	3	89	89	Current	3.2	-	600	6	4.2	45	1.3	-	7.1	63	1.60	0.09	0	-	-	-	-	320	53	
27 MOULTRIE CREEK	33	70	80	Historical	1.0	-	130	4	4.9	56	1.0	-	19	6.5	52	0.74	0.15	.	-	-	-	-	317	2

LEGEND:
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL USE/L
 COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 DO-DISATURATE DI
 END YR-ENDING YEAR
 FECL-FECLALITY INDEX
 FLOW-FLOW CFS
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMHOS
 FROG-YEAR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR PCU
 PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
 TSI-TROPHIC STATE INDEX
 TSIS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
 TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 TSI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
 TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
 WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03080201 EAST COAST, UPPER

*=EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
0=WITHIN SCREENING CRITERIA
-=-MISSING DATA

SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD: WQI OR TSI	TN TN>2.0	STREAM, TP	LAKES TP	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM BACTERIA	BIOL DIV	CHLA	SECCHI DISC	
+ WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY																	
1	ICW	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
2	MATANZAS RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
3	MATANZAS RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
4	MATANZAS RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
8	ROSE BAY	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
18	Halifax River	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
20	Halifax River	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
25	TOMOKA BASIN	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
29	PALM COAST	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
30	ROBINSON CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
31	CASA COLA CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
32	ICW	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
33	GUANO RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
+ WATER BODY TYPE: LAKES																	
28	SALT RUN	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
+ WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																	
6	SPRUCE CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
10	UNNAMED DITCH	POOR	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
11	THAYER CANAL	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
13	UNNAMED DITCH	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
14	TOMOKA RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
15	LITTLE TOMOKA RIVER	FAIR	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
16	UNNAMED BRANCH	FAIR	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
17	GROVER BRANCH	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
19	HULETT BRANCH	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
21	PALLICER CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
22	PALLICER CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
23	STEVENS BRANCH	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
24	CRACKER BRANCH	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
26	MOSES CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
27	MOULTRIE CREEK	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0

COND=CONDUCTIVITY
ALK=ALKALINITY
DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
BICK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
CURRENT 1969 TO 1993
BIOL DIV-BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
DIAT-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
DIAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL
TP-PHOSPHORUS
HISTORICAL 1970 TO 1988
TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
TURB-TURBIDITY
TN-NITROGEN
TP-PH
TOC-TOC
SECCHI DISC METERS

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

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X-DEGRADING TREND
0-STABLE TREND
+-IMPROVING TREND
*-*MISSING DATA

1984 - 1993 TRENDS

WATERSHED ID	NAME	QUALITY RANK OVER-10 OR ALL WQI	TREND OR TSI	1984 - 1993 TRENDS									
				W	T	T	C	P	A	T	B	T	F
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY													
1	ICWW	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	X	0	0
2	MATANZAS RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	x	x	+	0	+	-	x	0	0
3	MATANZAS RIVER	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	MATANZAS RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	x	x	+	0	0	-	x	0	0
8	ROSE BAY	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Halifax River	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Halifax River	PARTIAL	FAIR	+	x	x	+	+	x	+	+	0	0
25	TOKIOKA BASIN	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	PALM COAST	PARTIAL	FAIR	x	0	0	x	0	+	0	0	0	0
30	ROBINSON CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	CASA COLA CREEK	GOOD	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	ICWW	YES	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	GUANO RIVER	YES	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE													
28	SALT RUN	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM													
6	SPRUCE CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	+	x	*	0	0	x	*	0
10	UNNAMED DITCH	NO POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	THAYER CANAL	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	UNNAMED DITCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	TOKIOKA RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	+	0	0	x	0	0	0
15	LITTLE TOKIOKA RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	UNNAMED BRANCH	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	GROVER BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	HULLITT BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Pellucifer Creek	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Pellucifer Creek	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	STEVENS BRANCH	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	CRACKER BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	MOSS CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	MOULTRIE CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

'X'=-DEGRADING TREND
'*0*-STABLE TREND
'*+*-IMPROVING TREND
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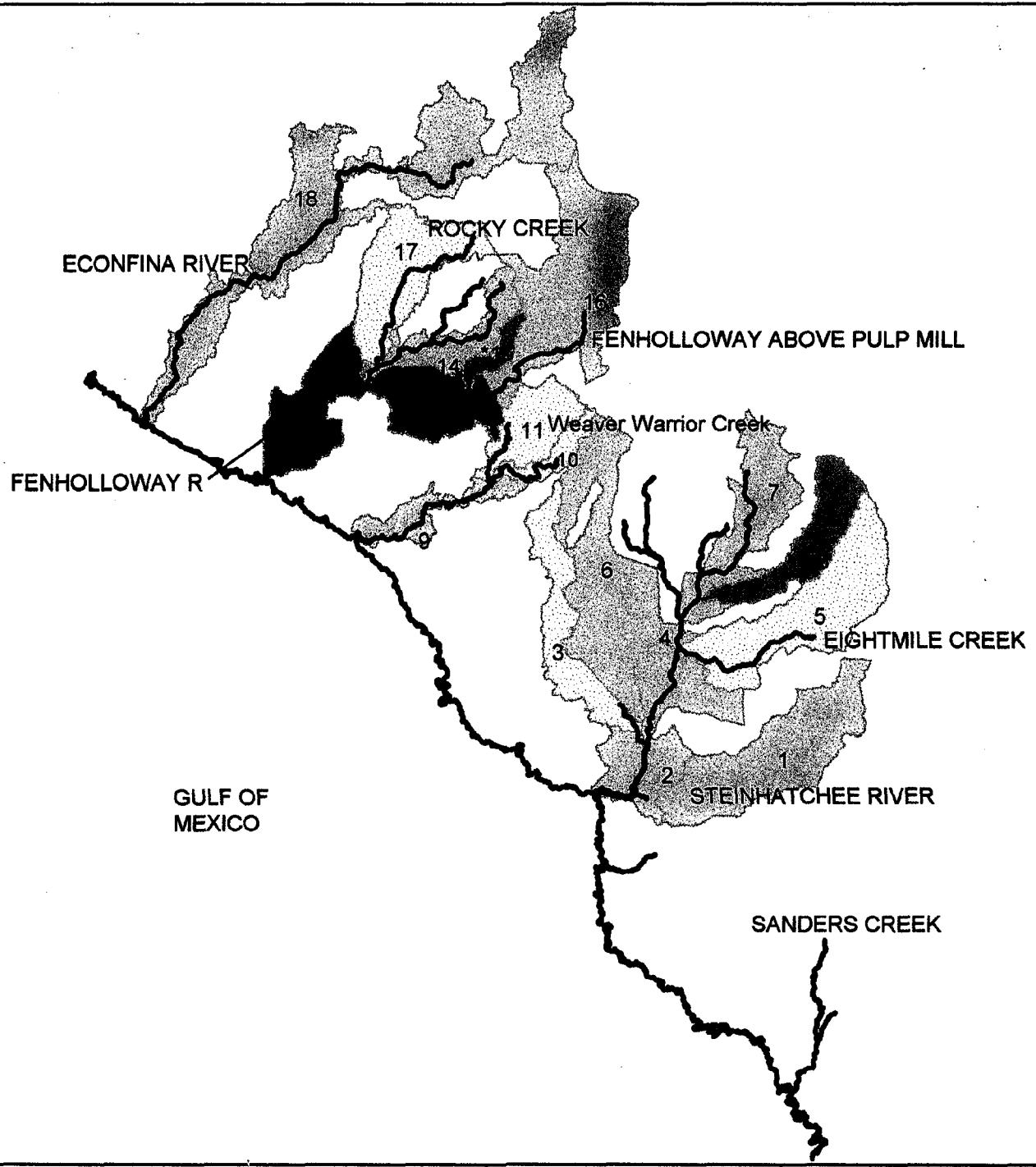
DEGRADATION SOURCES, PRESENT CONDITIONS AND CLEANUP EFFORTS

DOSAT=DO SATURATION	TCOLI-TOTAL COLIFORM
FOOLI-FEACOL COLIFORM	TEMP-TEMPERATURE
FLOW-FLOW	TN-NITROGEN
MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE	TOC-T ORGANIC CARBON
PH-PH	TP-PHOSPHORUS
SD-SDISCH DISC METERS	TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS

NPS QUALITATIVE SURVEY RESULTS
AN "X" INDICATES A PROBLEM WITH POLLUTANT OR SOURCE
THE + ON MAP ID INDICATES NO STORET INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THIS WATERSHED
SEE PAGE 11 FOR LEGEND FOR THIS TABLE

CATNAME=EAST COAST, UPPER HUC=03080201

			B	S	P	O	S	P	T	I	R	F	T	P	T	P	O
M	A	B	U	A	E	E	T	H	H	S	R	I	N	H	T	O	T
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D	N	5	P	N	I	N	I	P	T	I	H	I	B	D	B	C	H
			S	T	A	T	L	D	B	S	N	Y	H	L	T	L	O
5+	2683	TURNBULL CREEK	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	2674	SPRUCE CREEK	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7*	2673	UNNAMED DRAIN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	2672	ROSE BAY	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9*	2670	HALIFAX CANAL	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	2666	UNNAMED DITCH	POOR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12*	2664	RESS CANAL	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	2634	TORONCA RIVER	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



ECONFINA CREEK/STEINHATCHEE RIVER BASIN
03110102

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY	
GOOD	
THREATENED	
FAIR	
POOR	
UNKNOWN	



ECONFINA/FENHOLLOWAY/STEINHATCHEE RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 1,127 square miles
Major Land Uses: wetlands, forest
Population Density: low (Steinhatchee, Perry, Mayo, Cross City)
Major Pollution Sources: pulp mill, silviculture practices
Best Water Quality Areas: Sand Hill Creek, Econfina River
Worst Water Quality Areas: Fenholloway River
Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 4 sites, improving trends at Econfina, and Steinhatchee River
OFW Waterbodies: Big Bend Seagrasses State Aquatic Preserve
SWIM Waterbodies: Steinhatchee River, Econfina R, Fenholloway R
Reference Reports:
Coastal Rivers Basin SWIM Plan
Steinhatchee River Basin Assessment (Interim Report), SRWMD, 1989
Florida Rivers Assessment, DEP/FREAC/NPS, 1989
Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DEP (Tallahassee), 1988
Watershed Management Efforts in the Steinhatchee River Basin, (Draft)
Mattson, SRWMD, Florida Water Management Conference, 1992.
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In the News

- * The Fenholloway River (a Class V waterbody) receives pulp mill effluents and exhibits very poor water quality.
 - * Well contamination was reported in 1989 along the Fenholloway River due to dry weather conditions and percolation from the Fenholloway River and has been under investigation since then.
 - * A Use Attainability Analysis of possibly upgrading the Fenholloway River classification is being performed.
 - * Residents near the Fenholloway River have been given bottled water because of well contamination from the Fenholloway River.
 - * As a result of a interagency study in Spring 1992, the timber agency has undertaken drainage retrofitting in the Steinhatchee Basin.
 - * Horseshoe Beach, Dekle Beach and the Town of Steinhatchee were badly damaged by a major winter storm, known as the storm of the century, that occurred in March of 1993.
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Ecological Characterization

This coastal lowlands basin in Florida's Big Bend area includes several small river systems: the Econfina River, the Fen holloway River, Spring Warrior Creek, the Steinhatchee River, and Sanders Creek. These small rivers drain swampy lowlands and empty into salt marsh estuaries at the Gulf of Mexico.

Some of these rivers are characterized as acidic blackwaters flowing over a sandy and limestone substrate, but a number of these receive groundwater input. Some karst features are evident such as limestone outcroppings and some small springs. Both the Steinhatchee and Econfina Rivers are captured by sinkholes at normal to low flows. The Fen holloway is partially captured by sinks as are some of the smaller tributaries.

The basin's uplands are almost entirely in silviculture. There are extensive swampy wetlands around the river's drainage areas, and the basin's coastal margins are belted by salt marshes. There is little urban development in the basin. A few small hunting and fishing communities have developed near the mouth of the rivers.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The Fen holloway River is the only waterbody in the state with a Class V water quality classification (Navigation, Utility and Industrial use). It has been severely affected by the discharge from a paper mill which makes up the entirety of the river's flow in drier times. The large quantities of water withdrawn by the paper mill act to lower the ground water table thus decreasing the amount of base flow that the river would normally receive. Water quality is poor with low DO, high BOD, high conductivity, and other symptoms of high organic loading. A Use Attainability Analysis is now being conducted to determine if the Class V water quality classification can be upgraded to a Class III.

FDEP's groundwater investigations near the Fen holloway River have found contamination in wells linked to upstream pulp mill discharge. All other rivers in the basin have good water quality although somewhat low in DO and pH due to the swampy drainage. The estuaries at their mouths support a healthy biological community with sport and commercial fisheries. Septic tank pollution is a concern in the area because most of the basin's soils are poorly drained and thus incompatible with proper septic tank functions.

The most recent sampling by FDEP indicates that fecal bacteria counts were elevated at the mouth of Sanders Creek. The City of Cross City municipal WWTP discharges to the swamp that drains to this creek, but no direct relation has been proven. Also nutrient and chlorophyll levels are somewhat elevated in the upper reaches of Spring Warrior and Weaver Warrior Creeks.

Silviculture is a potential source of pollution and has been blamed by local residents for alterations of river characteristics leading to declining fish populations and excessive sedimentation. Compliance and application of silvicultural Best Management Practices has been good. These practices were shown in other studies to alleviate sedimentation and erosion to surface waters. Also ditching and channeling waters in the forested areas may lead to hydrologic disruptions in the estuary, i.e., increased freshwater runoff during rainy times and decreased fresh water release in drier times. Hydrological models comparing the periods of 1952-53 and 1988 showed a 38.6% increase in peak flows.

The Fen holloway, Econfina, and Steinhatchee Rivers have been monitored since 1989 as part of the SRWMD's SWIM program.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110102 ECONFINA-FENHOLLOWAY

WATERSHED ID	WATER BODY TYPE:	WATERSHED NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD				WATER CLARITY				DISSOLVED OXYGEN DEMAND				PH ALKALINITY				TROPHIC STATUS				BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY				WATER QUALITY INDICES			
			HIST	BEG	END	DATA	TURB	SD	COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO	CHLA	PHOS	CLIFORM	COND	FECL	NAT	ART	BSCK	COND FLOW	WSI	TSI	
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																													
10	SPRING WARRIOR @ MOUTH	12 76 88 Historical	3.5	0.4	130	14	9.0	81	3.3	53	8	7.6	127	1.06	0.06	12	220	25	2.9	•	•	26000	•	•	57	•	•			
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																													
1	SAND HILL CREEK	21 89 89 Current	7.1	0.5	68	3	5.2	58	1.2	•	•	7.3	248	0.72	0.03	1	183	•	•	•	•	429	•	34	•	•	•			
2	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	138 89 93 Current	1.8	0.9	85	7	5.0	53	1.4	•	25	7.4	193	0.50	0.03	2	205	61	3.2	•	1.9	389	4.8	35	•	•	•			
3	BEVINS (BOGGY) CREEK	13 89 89 Current	5.8	0.5	75	5	3.0	32	1.5	•	•	7.0	177	0.11	4	600	•	•	•	•	415	•	54	•	•	•				
4	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	48 89 93 Current	2.8	0.5	200	3	6.3	68	1.2	•	32	7.2	170	0.95	0.07	0	300	•	•	•	•	270	•	41	•	•	•			
5	EIGHTMILE CREEK	13 89 89 Current	6.5	0.2	95	8	6.2	67	1.7	•	•	7.2	187	0.85	0.05	1	1010	•	•	•	•	339	•	47	•	•	•			
6	CALIFORNIA (ROCKY) CR	7 89 89 Current	7.0	0.5	65	5	4.2	46	1.3	•	•	7.4	219	0.54	0.03	3	210	•	•	•	•	391	•	40	•	•	•			
7	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	47 89 92 Current	2.4	0.6	189	5	4.3	46	1.5	•	25	7.2	169	0.32	0.06	0	370	•	•	•	•	316	•	44	•	•	•			
9	SPRING WARRIOR CREEK	9 81 88 Historical	2.7	0.5	320	2	4.6	49	1.2	29	•	6.9	77	0.79	0.11	3	1193	330	3.2	•	31	221	•	43	•	•	•			
11	WEAV WARRIOR CREEK	8 87 88 Historical	4.4	0.7	238	7	4.8	52	1.6	•	•	7.1	121	0.99	0.24	27	2443	648	•	•	•	217	•	48	•	•	•			
12	FENHOLLOWAY AT MOUTH	4 93 93 Current	0.7	0.2	800	2	3.8	40	5.4	•	55	7.0	202	2.13	0.73	•	•	•	•	•	•	880	•	66	•	•	•			
13	FENHOLLOWAY BL PUMP	27 89 93 Current	2.9	0.1	1750	14	3.9	46	16.6	•	130	7.1	154	6.03	1.89	1	188	•	•	•	•	2250	•	69	•	•	•			
14	SPRING CREEK	60 70 88 Historical	3.1	0.7	49	1	5.8	60	1.1	22	27	7.5	153	0.78	0.32	1	2750	428	2.8	•	•	315	•	44	•	•	•			
16	FENHOLLOWAY BL PUMP	27 89 93 Current	2.4	0.4	825	3	4.2	47	1.2	•	50	6.6	46	1.52	0.07	1	140	•	•	•	•	98	•	43	•	•	•			
17	ROCKY CREEK	12 87 88 Historical	3.5	0.5	103	33	5.6	61	2.2	•	•	7.3	164	0.59	0.39	4	2200	620	•	•	317	•	55	•	•	•				
18	ECONFINA RIVER	91 89 93 Current	1.9	0.5	200	3	5.6	59	1.3	•	22	7.1	143	0.66	0.08	0	263	93	3.8	14	268	•	32	•	•	•				

LEGEND:
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 COD-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI
 PCU-COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 COLOR-COLOR PCU
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMHOS
 DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 DO-SATURATION %
 END YR-ENDING YEAR
 FECL-FECL-FAECAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 FLOW-FLOW CFS
 MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES
 SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 TS-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 TSI-TROPIC STATE INDEX
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L
 TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
 WI-WATER QUALITY INDEX

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

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* =EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
* =WITHIN SCREENING CRITERIA

SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM TP	LAKE TP	ALK	COND TSS	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA					
											TURB >16.5	BOD >3.3	DO <4	COLIFORM BACTERIA	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CHLA	SECHI DISC
10	SPRING WARRIOR @ MOUTH	1	PAIR Historical	0	1	0	0	1	x	1	0	1	0	1	0	x
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1	SAND HILL CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	STEINBACHES RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BEVINS (BOGGY) CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	STEINBACHES RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
5	EIGHTMILE CREEK	PAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
6	CALIFORNIA (ROCKY) CR	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
7	STEINBACHES RIVER	GOOD	Historical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
9	SPRING WARRIOR CREEK	GOOD	Historical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
11	BEAVER WARRIOR CREEK	PAIR	Historical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
12	FENHOLLOWAY AT MOUTH	GOOD	Current	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	x
13	FENHOLLOWAY BL PUMP	GOOD	Current	x	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	0	0	0	0	x
14	SPRING CREEK	GOOD	Historical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
16	FENHOLLOWAY AB PUMP	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
17	ROCKY CREEK	PAIR	Historical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	x
18	ECONFINA RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x

LEGEND:
 COND=CONDUCTIVITY
 ALK=ALKALINITY
 DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
 BECK=BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 BIOL DIV=BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
 CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
 DINAT=ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 DNAT=NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 TP=PHOSPHORUS
 HISTORICAL=1970 TO 1988
 TSS=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURE=TURBIDITY
 TN=NITROGEN
 SD=SECCHI DISC METERS

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

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* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM		1984 - 1993 TRENDS												<-- PLEASE READ THESE COLUMNS VERTICALLY			
ID	NAME	WQI	TREND	OVER-10 or 10+	T	C	S	P	A	T	B	D	D	T	E	F	<-- PLEASE READ THESE COLUMNS VERTICALLY
1	SAND HILL CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	YES	GOOD	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	BEVINS (BOGGY) CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	YES	GOOD	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	EIGHTMILE CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	CALIFORNIA (ROCKY) CR	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	YES	GOOD	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x
9	SPRING WARRIOR CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	WEAVER WARRIOR CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	FENHOLLOWAY AT MOUTH	NO	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	FENHOLLOWAY BL PULP	NO	GOOD	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
14	SPRING CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	FENHOLLOWAY AB PULP	YES	GOOD	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	ROCKY CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	ECONFINA RIVER	YES	GOOD	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY

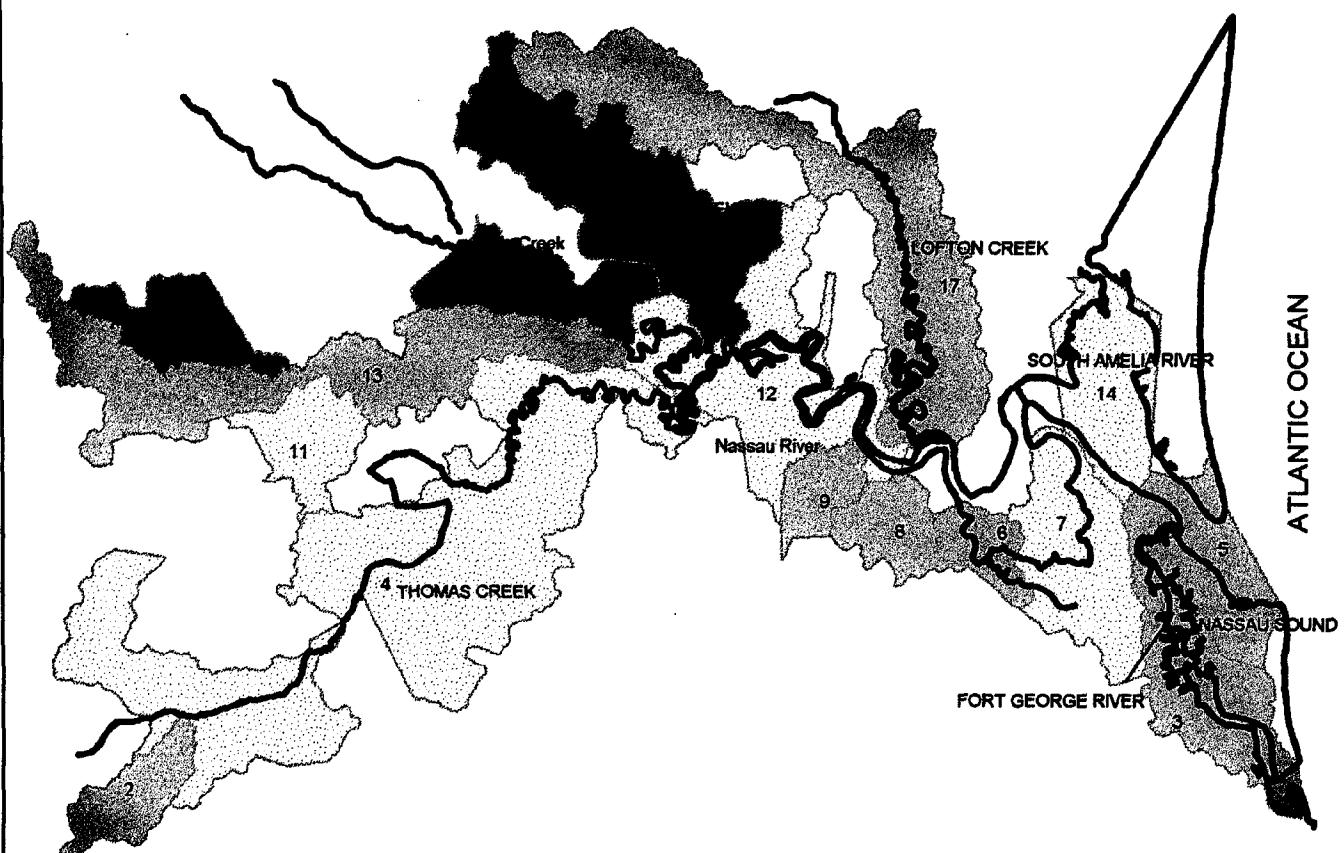
10	SPRING WARRIOR @ MOUTH	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

LEGEND:
 DO-SAT-DO SATURATION
 ECOLI-ECOLOGICAL COLIFORM
 FLOW-FLOW
 MEETS USE-SPECIES DESIGNATED USE
 PH-PH
 SD-SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TCOL-TOTAL COLIFORM
 TEMP-TEMPERATURE
 TN-NITROGEN
 TOC-TO-ORGANIC CARBON
 TP-PHOSPHORUS
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURB-TURBIDITY
 TSII-TROPHIC STATE INDEX FOR LAKES AND ESTUARIES
 WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX FOR STREAMS AND SPRINGS

NPS QUALITATIVE SURVEY RESULTS
AN "X" INDICATES A PROBLEM WITH POLLUTANT OR SOURCE
THE * ON MAPID INDICATES NO STORED INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THIS WATERSHED
-SEE PAGE 11 FOR LEGEND FOR THIS TABLE-

CATNAME=ECOFIN-A-FENHOLLOWAY HUC=03110102

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I	T	0	C	R			R	R		D	S	F
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D	D	N	I	I			E	T		T	B	
2	3573	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	GOOD	THREAT			M	B		W	I	
4	3573A	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	GOOD	THREAT			E	E		S	H	
5	3607	EIGHTMILE CREEK	FAIR	THREAT	X	X	R	R		K	H	
7	3573B	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	T	T		L	W	
8*	3588	MUD CREEK	POOR	THREAT	X	X	L	N		M	P	
12	3473A	FENHOLLOWAY AT MOUTH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	A	A		O	A	
13	3473B	FENHOLLOWAY BL PULP	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	R	R		E	I	
14	3518	SPRING CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	T	T		G	E	
15*	3533	UNNAMED SLough	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	L	N		I	S	
16	3473C	FENHOLLOWAY AB PULP	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	A	A		D	R	



NASSAU RIVER BASIN
03070205

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY	
GOOD	(dark gray)
THREATENED	(medium gray)
FAIR	(light gray)
POOR	(black)
UNKNOWN	(white)



NASSAU RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 431 square miles

Major Land Uses: forest, wetlands

Population Density: low, except for coastal development (Callahan)

Major Pollution Sources: WWTP, pulp mill, urban runoff

Best Water Quality Areas: Garden Cr., Edwards Cr., Lofton Cr.

Worst Water Quality Areas: Mills Cr., Little Mill Cr., Plummer Cr.

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 8 sites, degradation at Nassau Sound

OFW Waterbodies: Nassau River State Aquatic Preserve

SWIM Waterbodies: none

Reference Reports:

Coastal Area BAS, DEP (Jacksonville), 1987

Florida Rivers Assessment, DEP/FREAC/NPS, 1989

Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DEP (Tallahassee), 1988

Town of Callahan WWTP Biological Assessment, DEP, 1991

Anheuser-Busch, Inc., New Sod Farm Biological Assessment, DEP, 1992

Basin Water Quality Experts:

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Lee Banks, Jim Wright, DEP (Jacksonville), 904/448-4300

Ecological Characterization

The Nassau River Basin drains 430 square miles of predominantly forest and wetlands. There are 55 stream miles in the basin and approximately 10 square miles of estuary (including South Amelia River, the mouth of Nassau River, Sisters Creek and Ft. George River). The blackwater Nassau River's main tributaries (Mills, Alligator and Thomas Creeks) flow slowly in meanders through coastal lowlands. Land use is mostly silviculture, but there are also dairy operations and increasing urbanization.

Anthropogenic Impacts

Historically, the Nassau River Basin has limited STORET data, but has previously shown mostly good water quality. However, the Nonpoint Source Assessment indicates that the Mills-Alligator Creek drainage is moderately impaired from dairies, septic tanks, and urban activities. The town of Callahan WWTP discharges to Alligator Creek which discharges to Mill Creek. Mills Creek exhibits poor water quality and affects some downstream stations. The Thomas Creek drainage is suspected of having problems from similar sources. The Anheuser Busch 50d Farm discharges to Thomas Creek.

The Amelia Islands reach shows minor problems with elevated BOD, turbidity and phosphorus concentrations which could be attributed to development on the islands and/or the effects of a pulp mill discharge to the Amelia River in St. Marys Basin. Sisters Creek and Ft. George River estuaries exhibit good water quality.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD						WATER CLARITY						DISSOLVED OXYGEN						PH ALKALINITY						TROPHIC STATUS						BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY						WATER QUALITY INDICES					
		#OBS	YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DO SAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO PHOS CHLA	TOTAL FLOC	NAT	ART	BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI																				
*	WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY																																										
1	GARDEN CREEK	24	89	90	Current	6.2	1.1	23	32	7.5	75	1.1	-	-	7.8	108	0.50	0.08	5	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34											
3	FORT GEORGE RIVER	55	89	93	Current	5.8	0.9	25	42	7.3	81	1.4	-	-	7.7	110	0.44	0.10	-	49	12	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47											
5	NASSAU SOUND	91	89	93	Current	5.5	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44											
6	EDWARDS CREEK	14	89	90	Current	7.2	-	-	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38											
7	PUMPKIN HILL CREEK	7	89	90	Current	4.9	-	-	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59											
8	MILL BRANCH CREEK	7	89	90	Current	4.5	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41											
9	DEESE CREEK	7	89	90	Current	6.2	-	-	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45											
10	Nassau River	4	79	79	Historical	26.0	0.5	180	106	5.0	57	1.6	-	-	7.7	-	1.74	0.11	-	790	27	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76											
14	SOUTH AMELIA RIVER	108	89	93	Current	6.2	0.8	39	41	6.4	70	1.4	-	-	8	7.6	107	0.72	0.10	10	42	10	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57										
*	WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING	2	72	72	Historical	4.0	-	-	0.3	3	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35											
2	SU-NO-WA SPRINGS																																										
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																																										
4	MILLS CREEK REACH	15	99	92	Current	7.2	0.4	400	23	5.5	68	-	-	-	26	6.4	31	1.26	0.13	3	298	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3140											
11	CUSTING CREEK	6	93	93	Current	3.6	0.5	50	9	5.3	60	-	-	-	9	7.0	103	0.50	-	3	650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	381												
12	Nassau River	27	89	92	Current	8.1	1.3	375	18	5.5	65	1.1	-	-	25	6.5	31	1.32	0.24	5	117	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8145											
13	ALLIGATOR CREEK	2	90	90	Current	11.0	-	150	6	6.5	67	0.9	-	-	6.5	31	1.14	0.87	1	520	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44													
15	LITTLE HILL CREEK	4	93	93	Current	18.3	0.1	45	90	5.0	55	-	-	-	9	6.6	211	1.84	-	59	1615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69												
16	MILLS CREEK	9	90	92	Current	5.5	0.5	250	10	4.2	47	6.0	-	-	30	6.8	63	4.50	1.80	4	410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290												
17	LOFTON CREEK	14	89	90	Current	6.7	-	-	50	6	4.7	55	-	-	-	28	6.4	28	1.32	0.20	7	190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44											
18	PLUMMER CREEK	3	92	92	Current	6.5	0.5	500	6	4.7	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66												

LEGEND:
BOB-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L MAX #OBs-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SCHUCH DISC METERS TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
ALK-ALKALINITY MG/L CHL-A-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L WOI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
BEG-YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR PCU TS-TRIPOLY STATE INDEX
END-YR-ENDING YEAR COND-CONDUTIVITY UMHOS
BEG-PCU FLOC-FLOC CONDUCTIVITY UMHOS
END-FLOW CFS PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX PROS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L
COND-CONDUTIVITY UMHOS TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

TSI-TROPHIC INDEX
WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
MAX #TSI-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES TSI-ESTUARY
TSI-LAKE 0-59 60-69 70-100

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*=EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
0=WITHIN SCREENING CRITERIA

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SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA									
WATERSHED ID	NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM	LAKES	ALK	TURB & TSS	OXYGEN DEMAND
1	GARDEN CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
3	FORT GEORGES RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
5	NASSAU SOUND	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
6	EDWARDS CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
7	PUMPKIN HILL CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
8	MILL BRANCH CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
9	DEESE CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
10	Nassau River	UNKNOWN	Historical	0	0	0	0	x	x
14	SOUTH AMELIA RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY									
2	SU-NO-WA SPRINGS	GOOD	Historical	0	0	0	0	x	x
+ WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM									
4	MILLS CREEK REACH	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
11	CUSHING CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
12	Nassau River	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
13	ALLIGATOR CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
15	LITTLE MILL CREEK	POOR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
16	Mills Creek	POOR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
17	LOFTON CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
18	PLUMMER CREEK	POOR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x

SCRENNING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM	LAKES	ALK	TURB & TSS	OXYGEN DEMAND
1	GARDEN CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
3	FORT GEORGES RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
5	NASSAU SOUND	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
6	EDWARDS CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
7	PUMPKIN HILL CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
8	MILL BRANCH CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
9	DEESE CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
10	Nassau River	UNKNOWN	Historical	0	0	0	0	x	x
14	SOUTH AMELIA RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY									
2	SU-NO-WA SPRINGS	GOOD	Historical	0	0	0	0	x	x
+ WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM									
4	MILLS CREEK REACH	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
11	CUSHING CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
12	Nassau River	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
13	ALLIGATOR CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
15	LITTLE MILL CREEK	POOR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
16	Mills Creek	POOR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
17	LOFTON CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x
18	PLUMMER CREEK	POOR	Current	0	0	0	0	x	x

LEGEND:
COND=CONDUCTIVITY
DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
ALK=ALKALINITY
BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
BIOL DIV-BIOTICAL DIVERSITY
CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL
DIAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
DIAT-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
TURB-TURBIDITY
TN=NITROGEN
TP=PHOSPHORUS
TOC-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
TD=DIETARY INDEX
TSI=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
SD=SECCHI DISC METERS
TNT=NITRATE
WQI=WATER QUALITY INDEX RATING
WHICH INDEX USED, 'WQI' OR 'TSI'
BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03070205 NASSAU RIVER

X = DEGRADING TREND

O = STABLE TREND

+ = IMPROVING TREND

*. = MISSING DATA

1984 - 1993 TRENDS

W T T C S I P A T T B T D D I T F F <-- PLEASE READ THESE COLUMNS VERTICALLY

QUALITY RANK OVER-10 or S|N P H D I R L U S | O O C C E L

ALL I I L K R S I D C S I O M O

WQI TREND A B A L L P W

MEETS OR A B T I I

USB ? TS1 I I

DEGRADATION SOURCES, PRESENT CONDITIONS AND CLEANUP EFFORTS

* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY

1 GARDEN CREEK YES GOOD 0 0 0 0 0 + 0 0 0 + 0 0

FORT GEORGE RIVER YES GOOD x 0 0 + 0 0 0 0 0 0

5 NASSAU SOUND YES GOOD 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

6 EDWARDS CREEK YES GOOD 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

7 PUMPKIN HILL CREEK PARTIAL FAIR - - - - - - - - - -

8 MILL BRANCH CREEK YES GOOD - - - - - - - - - -

9 DEESE CREEK YES GOOD - - - - - - - - - -

10 Nassau River NO UNKN 0 0 + 0 0 0 + + 0 0 0 0

14 SOUTH AMELIA RIVER PARTIAL FAIR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

* WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING

2 SU-NO-WA SPRINGS YES GOOD 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM

4 MILLS CREEK REACK PARTIAL FAIR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

11 CUSHING CREEK PARTIAL FAIR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

12 Nassau River PARTIAL FAIR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

13 ALLIGATOR CREEK YES GOOD 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

15 LITTLE MILL CREEK NO POOR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

16 Mills Creek NO POOR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

17 LOFTON CREEK YES GOOD 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

18 PLUMMER CREEK NO POOR 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

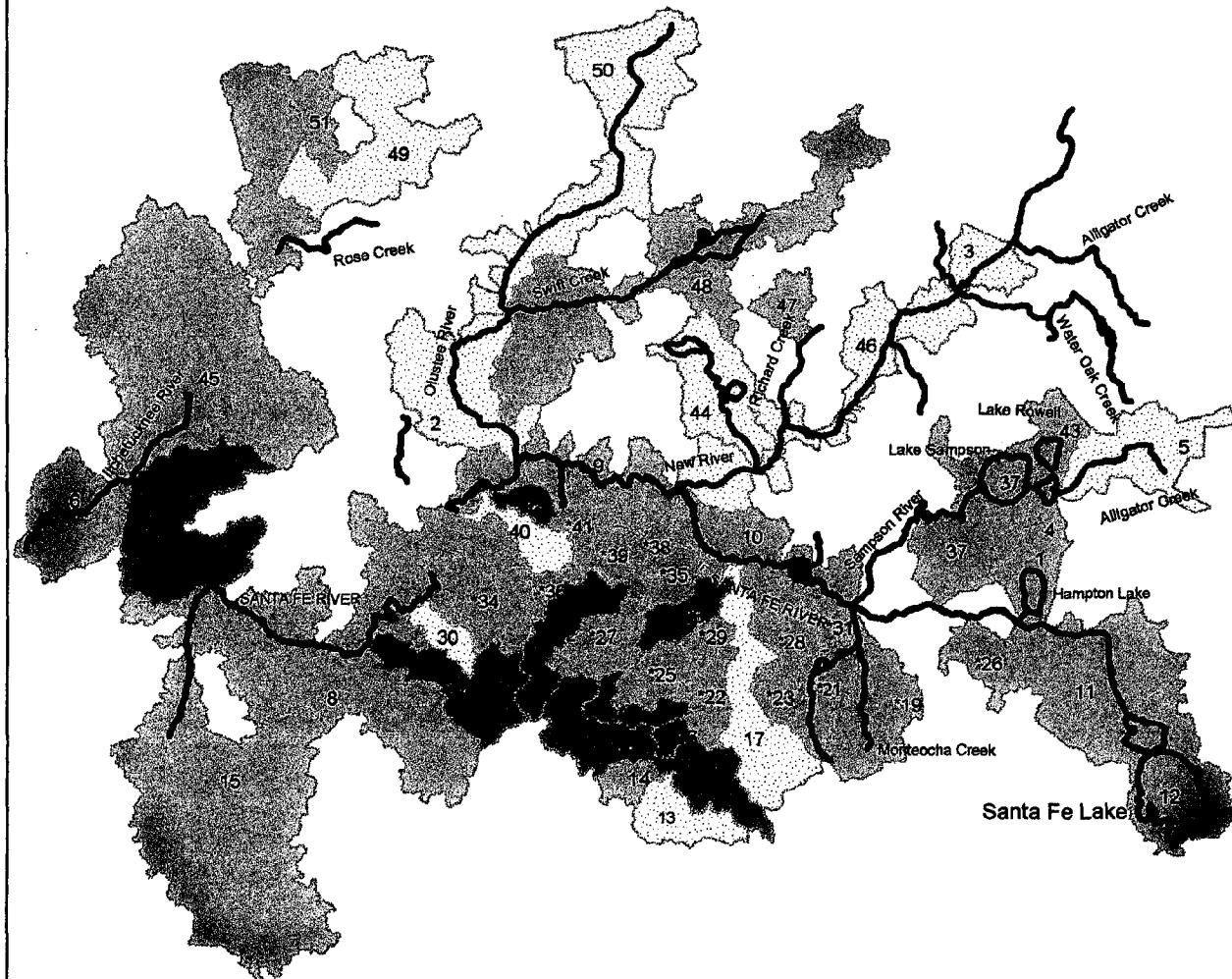
LEGEND:
DO-SAT=DO SATURATION
COLI-FECAL=COLIFORM
FLOW-FLOW
MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE
PH-PH
SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN

TCOLI-TOTAL COLIFORM
TEMP-TEMPERATURE
TN-NITROGEN
TOC-TO-ORGANIC CARBON
TP-PHOSPHORUS
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS

NFS QUALITATIVE SURVEY RESULTS
 AN "X" INDICATES A PROBLEM WITH POLLUTANT OR SOURCE
 THE * ON MAP INDICATES NO STORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THIS WATERSHED
 SEE PAGE 11 FOR LEGEND FOR THIS TABLE.

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			B	S	P	O	S	O	P	F	T	E	T	U	F	I	T	U	F	P
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P	B	S	Q	I	E	M	I	R	B	Y	N	E	I	F	R	K	W	I	O	
T	I	I	3	E	R	S	O	C	C	R	G	I	T	T	L	M	P	D	D	S
D	D	N	0	P	N	I	N	I	I	H	I	E	T	P	A	A	O	C	I	S
D	N		5	S	T	A	T	L	D	E	S	N	Y	H	L	T	W	L	M	H
6	2179	EDWARDS CREEK	GOOD																	
10	2118A	Nassau River	GOOD	THREAT	X															
11	2162	CUSHING CREEK	POOR	THREAT	X															
12	2148B	Nassau River	FAIR	THREAT	X															
13	2153	ALLIGATOR CREEK	FAIR	THREAT	X															
14	2149	SOUTH AMELIA RIVER	GOOD	THREAT	X															
17	2129	LOFTON CREEK	FAIR	THREAT	X															
18	2130	PLUMMER CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X															

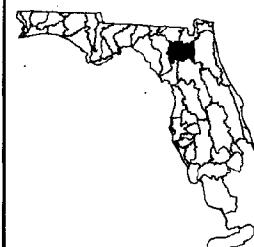


SANTA FE RIVER BASIN
03110206

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES NPS ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY

GOOD
THREATENED
FAIR
POOR
UNKNOWN



SANTA FE RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 1,390 square miles

Major Land Uses: forest, agriculture

Population Density: low (Lake City, Starke, High Springs)

Major Pollution Sources: WWTP, septic tank seepage

Best Water Quality Areas: Ichetucknee, most of Santa Fe River below Ichetucknee

Worst Water Quality Areas: Alligator Lake, Rocky Cr., Lake Rowell

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 10 sites, improving quality on the middle Santa Fe, Alligator Lake and Olustee Cr.

OFW Waterbodies:

O'Leno State Park

Santa Fe River System

Ichetucknee Springs State Park

SWIM Waterbodies:

Santa Fe River

Alligator Lake

Reference Reports:

Santa Fe River System SWIM Plan, SRWMD, 1988

Florida Rivers Assessment, DEP/FREAC/NPS, 1989

Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DEP (Tallahassee), 1988

City of Stark WWTP Biological Assessment, DEP, 1991

Ichetucknee Springs Hydrogeology Study, Karst Environmental Services, Inc., High Springs, Florida, December, 1991

SWIM 1990 Priority List, SRWMD, 1990

Basin Water Quality Experts:

Robert Mattson, SRWMD, 904/362-1001

Homer Royals, FGFWFC, 904/357-6631

In the News

- * A largemouth bass consumption advisory was issued in May, 1989 in parts of the basin. The advisory remains in effect. Research is being conducted on the problem.
 - * Flooding occurred on the lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers in late winter of 1991.
 - * DEP denied a permit for a 3,000 and a 10,000 cow dairy operation in January and August, 1992, respectively.
 - * Navy Plane crashed near Worthington Springs in the Santa Fe/Worthington Creek in May, 1992. The fuel spill was controlled.
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Ecological Characterization

The Santa Fe River Basin drains 1,390 square miles of mixed land uses in north central Florida. The Santa Fe River has its source in hardwood swamps surrounding and draining Santa Fe/Little Santa Fe Lake and other lakes and swamps nearby apparent, with sinking streams in the region of the Cody Scarp. In this upper part of the basin, it is a sand bottomed creek with blackwater characteristics. In the middle part of the basin, the Santa Fe is joined by two of its main tributaries, New River and Olustee River, both blackwater rivers draining mostly forest, agricultural, pasture, and swamp lands. Further downstream karst features become more apparent. Downstream of its confluence with Olustee River, the Santa Fe disappears into a sinkhole at O'Leno State Park at the toe of the Cody Scarp. The river rises after traveling about 3 miles underground where it receives an average additional flow of 211 cfs of groundwater. From here to its confluence with the Suwannee River, many springs add to the flow. Notably, the Ichetucknee River contributes about 400 cfs of crystal clear spring water to the Santa Fe, bringing its flow to about 2,000 cfs. Water quality on the lower Santa Fe is characterized by higher pH, higher conductivity and alkalinity, and increased water clarity. The river as a whole supports a diverse biological community.

There are increasing amounts of low density residential land use in the basin. The Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers are both popular for recreation. There are dairy operation in the lower Santa Fe/Ichetucknee River area.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The Santa Fe River has been declared an Outstanding Florida Water. Most of the reaches and lakes in the basin that have been sampled meet their designated uses. Because much of this river is naturally low in pH and/or dissolved oxygen due to swamp land drainage and spring flow, the calculation of the WQI is more complicated. However, it is noted from the basin water quality index table that several reaches have minor problems with nutrients and bacteria. These reaches drain mostly swamp lands so the high values appear to be of natural origin or perhaps some agricultural runoff.

There are a few specific problem areas in the basin due primarily to WWTP effluent. Alligator Lake has been partially diked and drained for farmland. It receives Lake City stormwater and, in the past, discharge from the Lake City WWTP which was diverted in the fall of 1987. It has nutrient, algal bloom, aquatic weed and fish kill problems. During low water conditions, the North Lobe of the lake is drained by a sinkhole. Lake Rowell demonstrates a slight eutrophication problem. Some enrichment of heavy metals is evident in the lake's sediment. The City of Starke WWTP discharges to Alligator Creek which drains into the lake. Alligator Creek is impacted by WWTP discharge and possible titanium mining in the area. Santa Fe Lake exhibits good water quality, but with increasing levels of nitrogen. It is connected by the Waldo Canal to Lake Alto. It is also threatened by the City of Melrose storm drainage and development along the shoreline.

Portions of New River exhibit elevated bacteria, nutrient and turbidity values. It receives discharge from the Raiford WWTP and the PRIDE facility, and indirectly from the Lake Butler WWTP. A waste load allocation has been developed for New River because of these sources. There is also a considerable amount of cattle farming in the headwaters that may account for some of the problem values. Conditions in the Santa Fe below New River reflect the lower water quality of the New River. Local experts also indicate that Olustee Creek has poorer water quality than the Santa Fe. At present, the SRWMD is

producing a detailed water quality and aquatic biological assessment of the New River to better define the impacts or WWTPs.

The final area of concern is the lower Santa Fe near its confluence with the Suwannee River. There are many dairy farms in the area, and while there is very little surface water drainage from the farms, there is a high potential for ground water contamination. Initial data from the Suwannee River dairy study indicate existing waste management practices at the dairies have the potential to contaminate ground water with elevated nitrates. Based on this data, DEP is requiring all new dairies in the Suwannee River Basin to apply for industrial wastewater permits and provide reasonable assurances that surface water and ground water will be protected. In 1991, data indicate elevated nitrates in ground water near Ft. White and the Ichetucknee River. The Department is currently conducting a sampling investigation to assess the nitrate levels in the area.

Because there are so many springs and underground conduits of water flow, any threat to the ground water is also very important to surface water quality. A pilot study was performed in 1991 to determine the sources of water to springs feeding the Ichetucknee River. Additional studies are proposed to better define the sources in an effort to ensure protection of the spring water quality.

The Santa Fe Basin has been designated a SWIM priority water by the SRWMD. Under the SWIM program a water quality and biological monitoring program of the basin was begun in 1989.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1981-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110206 SANTA FE RIVER

WATERSHED ID NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD			WATER CLARITY			DISSOLVED OXYGEN			OXYGEN DEMAND			PH ALKALINITY			TROPHIC STATUS			NITRO PHOS CHLA			BILOGICAL SPECIES DIVERSITY			COND FLOW			WQI			INDEX GOOD FAIR POOR			
	#OBS	MAX YR	BEG END YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO CHLA	FECL NAT	ART	BECK	COND	FLOW	WTI	TSI	WQI-RIVER	0-44	45-59	60-90	WQI-ESTUARY	0-49	50-59	60-100	WQI-LAKE	0-59	60-69	70-100
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																																		
1 HAMPTON LAKE	74	89	92	Current	2.8	1.8	23	3	7.5	83	1.0	-	8	5.6	2	0.53	0.04	3	5	-	-	-	67	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-		
4 LAKE ROWELL	94	89	92	Current	5.8	1.0	38	5	7.6	83	2.1	-	10	7.0	0.6	0.6	0.08	12	27	-	-	-	278	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-		
11 ALITO DRAINAGE	79	89	93	Current	2.0	1.2	70	3	6.9	84	0.8	-	12	5.9	4	0.74	0.03	7	62	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-		
12 SANTA FE LAKE	186	89	92	Current	1.9	1.6	45	3	7.5	86	1.0	-	11	5.7	3	0.53	0.04	4	9	-	-	-	71	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-		
43 LAKE CROSBY	74	89	92	Current	3.7	1.1	39	4	7.5	84	1.1	-	13	5.8	3	0.66	0.04	6	20	-	-	-	75	-	-	-	-	49	-	-	-	-		
47 LAKE BUTLER	25	80	80	Historical	4.0	1.1	80	-	8.1	86	-	-	16	6.0	2	0.53	0.03	16	1	-	-	-	51	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	-		
49 ALLIGATOR LAKE	171	89	93	Current	3.5	0.7	50	3	8.2	94	3.9	-	16	8.5	44	1.51	0.22	40	5	1	-	-	148	-	-	-	-	67	-	-	-	-		
* WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING																																		
30 HORNSBY SPRING RUN	4	92	92	Current	0.2	-	25	2	0.6	6	-	-	-	7.4	144	0.77	0.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	363	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																																		
2 OLISTER CREEK	46	89	93	Current	2.5	0.4	250	3	5.0	58	1.9	-	34	5.8	10	0.94	0.29	7	150	-	-	-	59	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-		
3 NEW RIVER	36	90	93	Current	3.0	0.5	375	4	5.2	55	1.9	-	43	4.6	5	1.29	0.05	5	500	-	-	-	63	-	-	-	-	51	-	-	-	-		
5 ALLIGATOR CREEK	40	89	92	Current	2.9	0.8	39	3	5.7	64	1.7	-	7	6.8	31	1.21	0.26	1	185	-	-	-	353	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-		
6 SANTA FE RIVER	62	89	93	Current	0.6	2.3	54	2	5.7	60	0.8	-	8	7.4	34	0.81	0.11	0	220	-	-	-	312	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-		
8 SANTA FE RIVER	138	89	93	Current	1.1	1.0	150	3	5.1	56	0.5	-	13	7.2	81	0.82	0.17	0	110	-	-	-	290	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-		
9 SANTA FE RIVER	68	89	93	Current	2.0	0.9	220	3	6.9	72	1.0	-	27	6.8	25	1.0	0.27	1	170	65	-	-	124	-	-	-	-	111	-	-	-	-		
10 SANTA FE RIVER	14	89	93	Current	1.6	0.9	200	3	6.3	66	1.0	-	28	6.3	18	0.89	0.10	0	239	-	-	-	135	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-		
13 BLUE CREEK	50	79	81	Historical	-	-	4	6.4	68	-	107	-	-	4.8	-	-	0.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-			
14 SANCHEZ PRAIRIE	14	80	81	Historical	0.7	-	4	6.8	93	-	22	-	-	8.0	-	-	0.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-			
15 COW CREEK	5	92	93	Current	0.7	0.4	320	3	7.7	77	-	31	7.2	55	0.59	0.05	-	560	-	-	-	116	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	-			
17 ROCKY CREEK	13	92	93	Current	1.4	0.5	266	3	4.0	40	1.5	-	31	6.0	18	1.07	0.27	-	580	207	-	-	21	3	85	-	-	55	-	-	-	-		
37 SAPFON RIVER	47	89	93	Current	0.9	0.7	190	3	7.7	82	1.0	-	21	6.8	23	0.77	0.05	1	430	-	-	-	189	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-		
40 PARENSON BRANCH	5	92	93	Current	5.6	0.7	65	14	0.0	86	-	11	6.7	31	1.60	0.19	-	920	-	-	-	99	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-			
44 FIVEMILE CREEK	8	92	93	Current	3.5	0.4	350	4	4.7	49	1.1	-	4.7	6	1.17	0.35	-	911	379	-	-	13	73	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-			
45 ICHETUCKEE RIVER	108	89	93	Current	0.2	1.0	3	2.0	4.7	51	0.5	-	2	7.5	140	0.54	0.06	0	75	-	-	-	295	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-		
46 NEW RIVER	113	89	93	Current	2.4	0.5	240	3	6.6	69	1.2	-	28	6.5	25	1.18	0.36	1	423	-	-	-	86	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-		
48 SWIFT CREEK	20	71	71	Historical	4.0	0.5	320	0	9.2	41	1.4	92	-	5.4	0	0.52	0.12	-	3100	285	-	-	52	12	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-		
50 OLIESTEE CREEK	21	84	84	Historical	2.0	0.5	208	5	7.8	77	-	23	6.4	45	0.61	0.06	-	330	-	-	-	55	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	-			
51 CANNON CREEK	4	92	93	Current	2.2	-	208	5	7.8	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-		

LEGEND:
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 CHL-A-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI
 COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN COLOR MG/L
 BEG-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR PCU
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMHOS
 DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 END-YR-ENDING YEAR
 FECL-FECL COLIFORM MPN/100ML PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
 FLOW-FLOW CFU
 MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SD METER
 NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY TGC-TOTAL DISC METERS
 NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 PH-PH STATE INDEX TSI-TROPIC STATE INDEX
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

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*=EXCEDES SCREENING CRITERIA
'=MISSING DATA

SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID NAME	WQI OR TSI	DATA RECORD CURRENT OR HISTORICAL	BANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM TP	LAKE TP	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM		BIOL DIV	CHLA	SRCCHI DISC	
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																			
1 HAMPTON LAKE	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
4 LAKE ROWELL	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
11 ALTO DRAINAGE	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
12 SANTA FE LAKE	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
43 LAKE CROSBY	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
47 LAKE BUTLER	GOOD	Historical	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
49 ALLIGATOR LAKE	FAIR	Current	-	-	x	-	0	-	-	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING RUN																			
30 HORNSBY SPRING RUN	PAIR	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																			
2 OJUSTRUE CREEK	PAIR	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
3 NEW RIVER	PAIR	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
5 ALLIGATOR CREEK	PAIR	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
6 SANTA FE RIVER	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
8 SANTA FE RIVER	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
9 SANTA FE RIVER	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
10 SANTA FE RIVER	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
13 BLUE CREEK	PAIR	Historical	-	-	x	-	0	-	-	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
14 SANCHEZ PRAIRIE	GOOD	Historical	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
15 COW CREEK	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
17 ROCKY CREEK	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	x
37 SAMPSON RIVER	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
40 PARNERS BRANCH	PAIR	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
44 FIVEMILE CREEK	PAIR	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
45 ICHTHURNEE RIVER	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
46 NEW RIVER	PAIR	Historical	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
48 SHWFT CREEK	GOOD	Historical	-	-	x	-	0	-	-	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x
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51 CANNON CREEK	GOOD	Current	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0	x

LEGEND:
ALK-ALKALINITY
DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN
BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
BIOL DIV-BIOTICAL DIVERSITY
CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL
COND-CONDUCTIVITY
DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN
FECAL-FE CAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
HISTORICAL-1970 TO 1988
CURRENT-1989 TO 1993
DIAT-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
DIAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
TP-PHOSPHORUS
TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
TURB-TURBIDITY
TN-NITROGEN
SD-SECCHI DISC METERS

WOI OR TSI-WATER QUALITY INDEX RATING
WHICH INDEX USED, WOI OR TSI, IS
BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE
TP-PHOSPHORUS
TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
TURB-TURBIDITY
SD-SECCHI DISC METERS

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110206 SANTA FE RIVER

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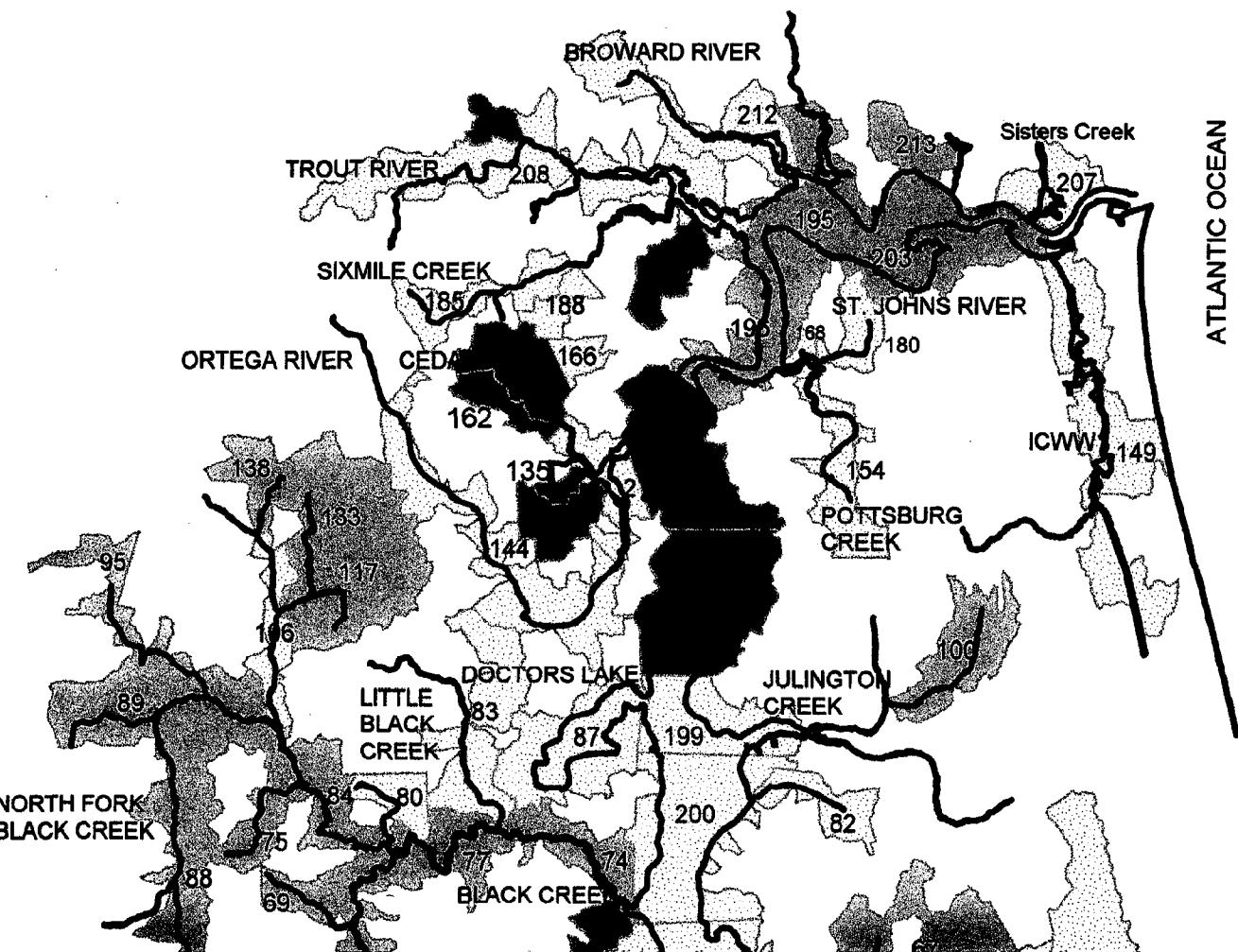
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50 OJUSTER'S CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
51 CANNON CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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DO=DO SATURATION
FCOL=FECAL COLIFORM
FLOW=FLOW
METS=METHODS DESIGNATED USE
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TCC=TOTAL COLIFORM
TEMP=TEMPERATURE
TN=NITROGEN
TOC-T ORGANIC CARBON
TP=PHOSPHORUS
TSS=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
TW=TURB-TURBIDITY
TSI=TRIPHOIC STATUS INDEX FOR LAKES AND ESTUARIES
WQI=WATER QUALITY INDEX FOR STREAMS AND SPRINGS

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AN "X" INDICATES A PROBLEM WITH POLLUTANT OR SOURCE
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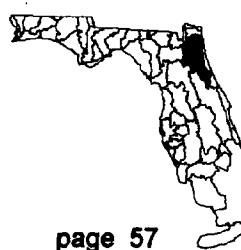
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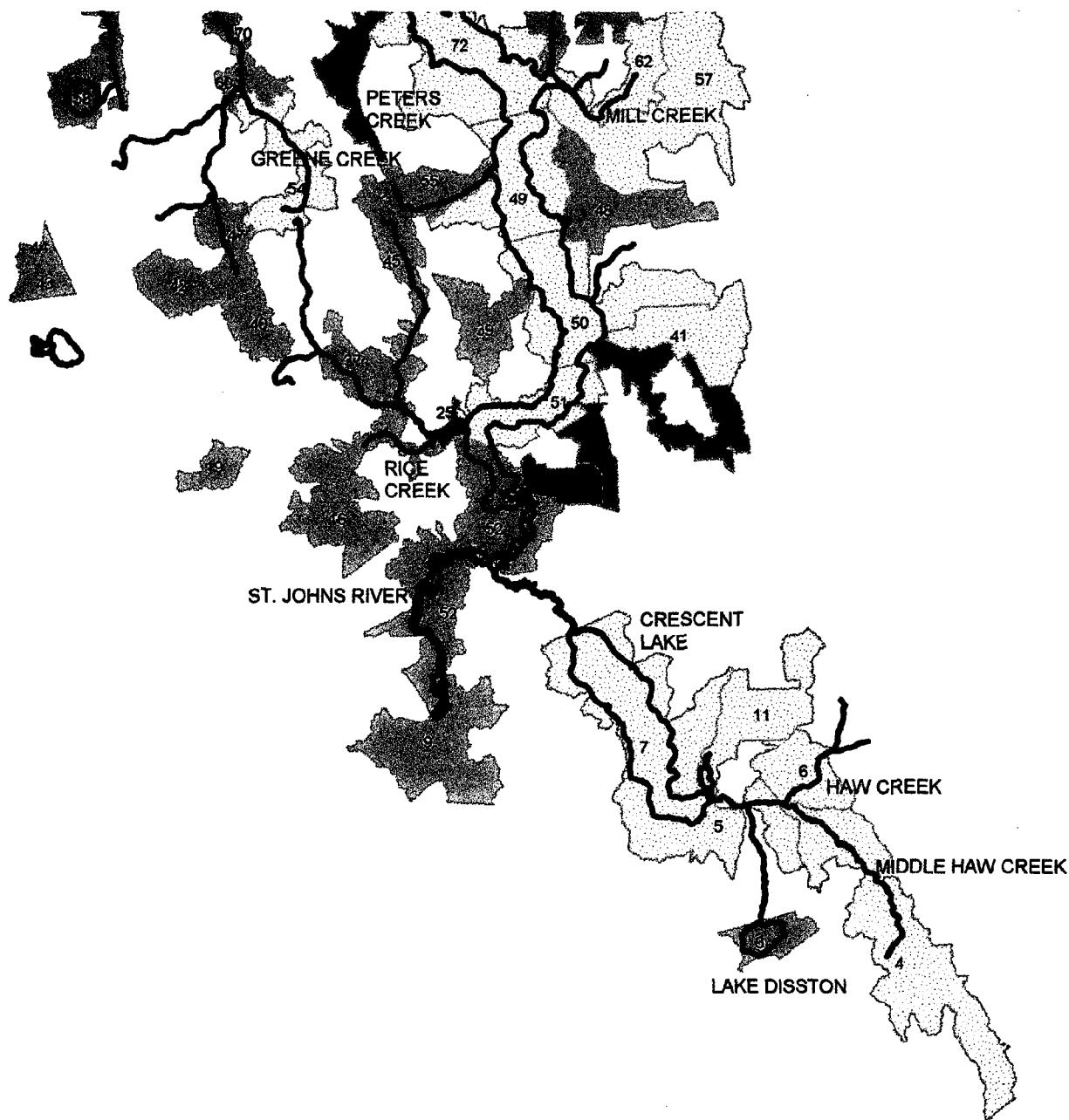


LOWER ST. JOHN'S RIVER BASIN
03080103

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
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WATER QUALITY
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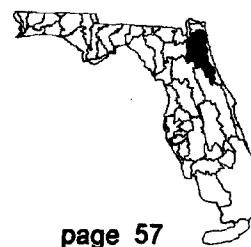




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WATER QUALITY
GOOD
THREATENED
FAIR
POOR
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LOWER ST. JOHNS RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: approximately 2,200 square miles; 13 major sub-basins

Major Land Uses: forestry, agriculture, rapid transition to urban,
intense urbanization in downstream areas

Population Density: moderate, except in highly urban Jacksonville area
(Palatka, Green Cove Springs, Orange Park)

Major Pollution Sources: urban stormwater, WWTP's, industry, agriculture
septic tanks

Best Water Quality Areas: Black Creek (North Fork), Simms Cr., Kingsley Lake,
Lake Broward

Worst Water Quality Areas: Cedar River, St. Johns River above Buckman Bridge
and Warren Bridge, Fishing Creek, Goodbys Cr.

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 18 sites, degrading trend at St. Johns
River above Warren Bridge, and Trout River, improving trend at Ortega River,
Etonia Cr., Black Cr., and the St. Johns River above US1

OFW Waterbodies:

Haw Creek State Preserve

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

Nassau River-St. Johns Marshes Aquatic Preserve

Kingsley Lake and North Fork Black Creek (upper portion)

Ravine Gardens

SWIM Waterbodies:

entire basin, including Crescent Lake

Lake Disston Sub-basin

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In the News

- * Since 1987 the City of Jacksonville has reduced 43% of the small package wastewater treatment plants with regionalization to larger treatment facilities.
 - * Since 1988, through the efforts of the SWIM Program of the Duval County Health Unit, 1038 failing septic tank systems were located and repaired by permit. An additional 1435 failing septic systems have been referred to the City of Jacksonville's Public Utilities Department for regional connection through the Superfund Septic Tank Phase Out Program.
 - * In 1992, Seminole Kraft, a manufacturer of unbleached paper, reconfigured the mill to produce linerboard from 100% recycled fiber reducing their wastewater flow to an average of 10 MGD, a reduction of approximately 75%.
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Ecological Characterization

The St. Johns River is Florida's longest river (300 miles) and flows northward from its origins west of Ft. Pierce, to its mouth, near Jacksonville. It is extremely slow moving with a drop of less than 30 feet over its entire length. The lower St. Johns River is defined as the section between the Oklawaha River (entering at about 160 cfs) and the Atlantic Ocean. This segment of the river is essentially an elongated lagoon, having a low gradient and narrow floodplain. The river averages more than two miles in width downstream of Palatka (in some places it exceeds three miles) and contains numerous tributary streams and embayments.

The entire lower St. Johns River is subject to tidal influence. The low gradient in the St. Johns River combined with the effects of low flow, tides, and wind direction result in short-term reverse flows. Although these reverse flows may continue for several days, there is a net downstream flow approximately 75% of the time. The total average flow of the river is estimated at 7000 cfs. Development impacts along the river vary by area. The reach between Palatka and Green Cove Springs has experienced only modest development as homesites, but below Doctors Lake to the Trout River, the river is almost entirely lined with homes, buildings, marinas and docks. In contrast, there are few docks and homes from Trout River to Mayport. From downtown Jacksonville to the Atlantic Ocean, the river is dredged and maintained by the Corps of Engineers for deepwater navigation (a 12 foot deep channel is maintained by Corps of Engineers from Jacksonville to Lake George). Also there are several bridge crossings: seven in Duval County; one in Green Cove Springs; and one in Palatka.

The tributary systems entering the St. Johns are generally blackwater in nature and drain mostly low pine lands. Downstream of Doctors Lake, on the west bank and in the Julington Creek area, most of the tributaries have considerable urban development, both residential and, near Jacksonville, industrial.

Anthropogenic Impacts

This assessment of the lower St. Johns River begins in the southern portion of the basin, and then moves northward to the Duval County portion of the basin. Water quality of the southern portion of the lower St. Johns River is judged to be good, especially at its confluence with the Oklawaha, but generally degrades downstream. There is an increase in nonpoint source nutrient discharge resulting from runoff from row-crop agriculture. The Palatka area also provides urban runoff and septic tank leachate.

There are problems in most of the tributary stream systems of the river. The first tributary system in the southern basin is Haw Creek/Crescent Lake/Dunns Creek. It has acidic colored water attributable to its swampy drainage area and DO and nutrient problems attributable to agricultural runoff, septic tanks and WWTP effluents. Point sources in this area include the Crescent City WWTP discharging to Crescent Lake and the City of Bunnell WWTP discharging to Haw Creek. Crescent Lake is eutrophic and a 1975 EPA study estimated that about half the nutrient load to the lake came from Haw Creek. Recent estimates of nutrient loading identified agricultural runoff as the main source of nutrient loads. A second study of the lake by DEP's Biology Section was performed in June, 1990. That study found depressed macroinvertebrate diversities, significant blue-green algal blooms, and high algal growth potential and chlorophyll a concentrations in Crescent Lake, Bull Creek Canal, and Dead Lake. Depressed oxygen levels, below State water quality standards, were encountered in Dead and Crescent Lakes. In addition, elevated levels of zinc, copper, and cadmium were found in sediments from the vicinity of potato and cabbage farming operations. The lake is used for fishing and blue crab trapping, though few people use the lake for swimming. Lake Disston is threatened by land clearing operations close to the shoreline and row-crop farming, but is still enjoyed for both fishing and swimming.

The Rice Creek tributary system, located just north of Palatka, arises from a pine flatwood/mesic hammock system. The creek's discharge has low DO and pH. Elevated bacteria counts in the vicinity of the Etonia Creek watershed may be accounted for by dairy farms. The lower portion of Rice Creek receives a large volume of effluent from a paper mill (Georgia-Pacific) which has very low DO values and high nutrient, BOD and color values. The macroinvertebrate communities in the creek exhibit a low diversity with only a few highly tolerant species. Georgia-Pacific uses a process of supersaturating their effluent with oxygen before discharging to Rice Creek and in the vicinity of the discharge high values of DO are encountered. In the past, a short distance downstream the low DO problem reoccurred. More recent data indicate that the problem has abated. Rice Creek degrades the St. Johns River both upstream and downstream of its confluence. Simms Creek, Boggy Branch, Greens Creek, and Clarkes Creek have sporadic turbidity problems due to spills from upstream titanium mining operations.

The next problem area in the lower St. Johns River basin is Trout Creek. For a few years in the mid-1980s, it received very poorly treated effluent from the Homer Smith scallop processing plant. The plant has ceased operation in 1986, which has improved water quality. St. Johns County acquired the site and turned it into a park in 1992 with a boat ramp and picnic area. There is a nonpoint source threat from development in the upper Trout Creek drainage.

The Black Creek/Peters Creek tributary system has fairly good water quality but is threatened by urban and agricultural runoff. Nutrient and BOD problems occur, probably caused by agricultural and dairy runoff. These problems are more evident in Peters Creek, labeled as seriously impaired by the Nonpoint Source Assessment. The area is undergoing rapid development which is affecting the stream system with increased domestic wastewater discharge, septic tank and stormwater runoff.

Julington and Durbin Creeks are undergoing some of the most rapid development in the basin. Increased siltation and an associated decrease in fish breeding ground and fish populations have been documented in these sub-basins. Wasteload allocations are proposed for the numerous small WWTPs in the Julington Creek and Durbin Creek area. Both of these tributary systems drain low-gradient swampy lands into a large floodplain. Poorly drained upland areas are scattered throughout the drainage. Thus, continued development frequently involves wetland disruption. It is estimated that about one-half of the wetlands in the Julington Creek drainage have been lost in the last 20 years. The eastern riverbank downstream of this drainage (area of Mandarin and Goodbys) is severely altered and degraded by marinas and near-shore development.

Doctors Lake is highly eutrophic as a result of excessive nutrient loading from historic WWTP discharge, septic tank leachate and urban runoff. New golf courses, residential developments and shopping centers are being built in the Doctor's Lake watershed. The lake's poor circulation and limited hydraulic flushing further compound water quality problems. The effluents from the Orange Park plant and several other WWTPs were diverted from the lake in the late seventies and routed to the St. Johns River. The lake still exhibits eutrophication problems (algal blooms, fish kills, turbidity) attributed to urban runoff, and has been closed to swimming.

The most concentrated area of water quality problems in the lower St. Johns River is found in the Duval County portion of the basin. This section of the basin is one of several large industrialized regions in the State and one of the largest residential centers as well. Duval County has approximately 300 permitted point source dischargers. A wide range of water quality problems are found including dissolved oxygen, nutrient, bacteria and toxics. Also an outbreak of Ulcerative Disease Syndrome (UDS) in a variety of fish species has persisted in the Lower St. Johns River for the past decade. Studies were unable to determine whether the outbreaks of disease were related to pollution levels. A Lower St. Johns River Water Quality Review prepared by DEP in 1986 presented a overview of the river's status and made recommendations for controlling domestic and industrial effluents and stormwater runoff. That report, as well as the findings of other studies and experts on the basin, indicated that the tributaries were more heavily polluted than the river itself, particularly in sediment quality. A brief review of the problem areas is presented below. Starting in the southern portion of Duval County, one of the notable problem areas is the Cedar River/Wills Branch/Ortega River system. Cedar River has the worst water quality in the area with frequent fish kills. The area receives discharges from wire and chemical industries as well as numerous wastewater treatment package plants. This tributary system appears to have a negative impact on the quality of the St. Johns River itself. However, just north of this segment (at the horizontal "bend" in the river), the St. Johns also receives drainage from two severely polluted urban creeks (not shown on map) and the Jacksonville shipyards. Adjacent to this reach are Strawberry and Pottsburg Creeks which also exhibit poor water quality caused by pollution loads from WWTPs and stormwater runoff.

The "bend" area is probably the most polluted and developed portion of the river. Both banks are almost completely sea-walled and lined with industries or downtown development. It appears that the shipyard, which previously conducted sandblasting and painting directly adjacent to the river, is closing down. While the shipyard is being closed down there still is much sandblasting and painting at the docks. Two other major sources are Jacksonville's regional WWTP (Buckman Street WWTP) discharging 52 MGD, and Jefferson Smurfit (formerly Alton Box and Packaging Corporation) with a total discharge of 14 MGD. The Buckman plant, which generally provides good treatment, also accepts some industrial wastes which cause occasional upsets in the treatment process.

The Ribault River, lower Trout River and Moncrief Creek, probably the second worst tributary system after Cedar River, also empty into the St. Johns River a few miles north of this area. Downstream from

the confluence of Trout River, the St. Johns River receives treated paper mill wastewater effluent (Kraft Paper Company at 20 MGD). Discharges from Broward River and Dunn Creek further affect the river. These tributaries, although not as severely degraded as the previously mentioned systems, exhibit low DO values and high concentrations of nutrients and BOD from domestic and industrial point sources and some dairy operations. From Dunn Creek to the mouth there is more flushing and dilution from the tides and more vegetated banks and marshes. Commercial shrimpers work the St. Johns between May Port and the Matthews Bridge, seaward of downtown Jacksonville. Only recreational shrimping occurs between Jacksonville and Lake George.

In summary, the southern portion of the Lower St. Johns Basin generally exhibits good to fair water quality. With the exception of one tributary system with poor water quality due to a point source, the major sources of pollution are runoff from rangelands and construction sites. On the contrary, the Duval County portion of the basin generally has poor water quality. Both domestic and industrial point sources are major contributors to the problem as well as urban stormwater and septic tanks. For several years it has been recognized that the tributary systems in this area are seriously degraded. However, more recently there has been growing concern over the river itself. Benthic biological data indicate poor diversities and low density. Water quality trends for most of the river reaches indicate degradation problems. However, there is improvement of the river's water quality near its mouth due to the flushing effects of the tides.

Duval County continues to grow and several of the WWTPs discharging to the St. Johns are considering expansion. However, there are active efforts to regionalize the county, and centralize wastewater treatment into larger facilities in order to decrease or remove small facilities and septic tank drainage from the tributaries. Duval County has a \$4,000,000 revolving trust fund which is used to purchase private package plants and connect them to the county's regional WWTP.

The 1987 Florida Legislature passed the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Act which will provide funds to the State's Water Management Districts to restore or preserve some of the critically threatened water bodies. Key aspects of the SWIM Plan submitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District area:

1. a Master Stormwater Plan being developed by the City of Jacksonville and the water management district;
2. increased enforcement of regulations regarding septic tanks, package plants, etc. (through SWIM funded contracts with Duval, St. Johns, Clay and Putnam Counties);
3. studies and programs designed to reduce nutrient input from agricultural activities in St. Johns, Flagler and Putnam Counties;
4. more comprehensive monitoring of the river and tributaries (as a system); and
5. technical assistance to local governments.
6. monitoring to determine phytoplankton species and productivity, benthic fauna and toxic substance contamination, and demersal fish assemblages to determine assimilative capacity and food chain dynamics.

There was a 305b meeting held in the Northeast District DEP office on July 18, 1994. Part of the objective of this meeting was to designate reaches on the lower St. Johns River and to determine what indices should be used for each reach. Attached is the location and the justification for the indices used for each reach. The following indices are used in the attachment.

Index	Description	Application
WQI	Water Quality Index	River systems with high flow
TSI-L	Trophic State Index-Lake	Freshwater bodies with little or no flow.
TSI-E	Trophic State Index-Estuary	Large water bodies such as bays or lagoons with low flow used to mix freshwater from the rivers with saltwater from the ocean

LOWER ST. JOHNS RIVER REACH DESIGNATIONS

MAPID #	LOCATION	INDEX	JUSTIFICATION
204	From just west of the ICW to the mouth	WQI	River with high flow
203	From Dames Pt. to just west of the ICW	WQI	River with high flow
195	From just south of the Trout River to Dames Point	WQI	River with high flow
196	From just south of the Fuller Warren Bridge to just south of the Trout River	WQI	River with high flow
197	From Piney Pt. to just south of the Fuller Warren Bridge	TSI-E	Fresh and salt water mixing zone with low flow.
198	From just north of Doctors Lake to Piney Point	TSI-E	Fresh and salt water mixing zone with low flow.
199	From just south of Julington Creek to just north of Doctors Lake	TSI-L	Freshwater with low flow
200	From just south of Black Creek to just south of Julington Creek	TSI-L	Freshwater with low flow
72	From just south of Palmo Cove to just south of Black Creek	TSI-L	Freshwater with low flow
49	From just south of Tocoi Creek to just south of Palmo Cove	TSI-L	Freshwater with low flow
50	From Federal Point to just south Tocoi Creek	TSI-L	Freshwater with low flow
51	From just south of Rice Creek to Federal Point	TSI-L	Freshwater with low flow
52	From just west of Dunns Creek to just south of Rice Creek	WQI	River with high flow
52	From just south of the Oklawaha River to just west of Dunns Creek	WQI	River with high flow
9	From Black Point to just south of Oklawaha River	WQI	River with high flow

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03080103 ST JOHNS RIVER, LOWER

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*	WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																																										
3	Lake Disston	35	89	89	Current	1.1	0.8	200	1	6.6	80	1.7	-	6.4	6	0.87	0.03	-	10	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54								
7	CRESCENT LK	96	89	93	Current	13.7	0.6	188	8	7.7	84	1.7	-	7.3	40	1.36	0.08	-	26	157	24	-	-	671	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68							
19	GRANDINE LAKE OUTLET	4	90	91	Current	8.1	0.9	29	8	7.2	87	-	-	4	4.9	2	0.56	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55							
40	GEORGES LAKE	4	89	89	Current	2.3	2.2	50	1	8.8	95	0.6	-	4.4	1	0.21	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20							
42	LAKE JOHNSON	5	90	92	Current	5.1	1.0	8	5	7.9	96	-	-	1	4.2	1	0.26	0.02	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43								
43	BEDFORD LAKE	7	90	91	Current	5.4	1.1	15	7	7.7	94	-	-	2	5.0	3	0.38	0.03	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49									
44	CRYSTAL LAKE	2	90	90	Current	2.1	1.0	8	1	8.2	88	-	-	6	7.2	10	0.80	0.01	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47										
49	SJR AB PALMO CR	12	91	91	Current	3.2	0.7	150	19	5.2	58	1.9	-	7.3	63	1.22	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64									
50	SJR AB FOTCO	64	89	93	Current	11.1	0.7	98	10	7.4	63	2.5	-	15	7.6	80	1.27	0.10	24	20	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63										
51	SJR AB FEDERAL PT	82	89	92	Current	11.2	0.8	108	8	7.6	87	2.1	-	14	7.5	76	1.14	0.06	23	122	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62											
58	KINGSLEY LAKE OUTLET	68	92	93	Current	0.6	4.9	5	2	8.8	94	0.9	-	6.7	9	0.35	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18											
72	SJR AB BLACK CR	80	89	93	Current	4.4	0.9	115	9	8.0	87	1.7	-	14	7.7	68	1.20	0.06	13	93	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60											
87	DOCTORS LAKE	107	89	93	Current	5.6	0.7	100	12	8.4	91	1.0	-	17	7.8	60	1.38	0.08	35	130	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66											
199	SJR AB DOCTOR LAKE	192	89	93	Current	3.5	0.6	70	10	8.9	89	1.0	-	17	7.7	62	1.12	0.03	10	105	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2214											
200	SJR AB TULLINGTON CR	28	90	92	Current	3.4	0.8	105	10	6.5	73	1.2	-	13	6.8	62	1.16	0.03	12	66	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61											
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																																										
1	DUNNS CREEK	32	89	93	Current	4.3	0.8	150	8	7.0	79	2.1	-	17	7.3	68	1.31	0.05	23	2300	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42											
2	OREGIA RIVER	28	89	90	Current	3.1	0.7	240	2	8.7	91	-	-	7.6	1.03	0.44	-	760	173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44												
4	MIDDLE HAW CREEK	30	89	89	Current	1.6	0.6	175	4	3.8	44	-	-	5.9	7	1.19	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45											
5	HAW CR AB CRESCENT LK	29	93	93	Current	5.9	0.9	175	4	3.2	32	1.0	-	7.0	46	1.03	0.11	-	3125	1731	3.0	1.6	5	1130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57									
6	HAW CREEK	30	89	89	Current	4.0	0.9	200	2	3.4	39	-	-	7.2	57	1.39	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48											
9	SJR AB OKLAHOMA RIVER	63	91	93	Current	3.1	0.7	95	13	8.6	93	2.2	-	8.0	71	1.34	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34												
11	BULL CREEK DITCHES	10	89	89	Current	4.4	1.23	3	3.5	39	1.2	-	-	7.0	147	1.34	0.34	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54												
16	RICE CREEK	43	89	92	Current	3.8	0.5	325	3	6.3	72	0.9	-	33	6.4	34	1.09	0.06	0	580	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43											
18	MIDDLE BRANCH	12	89	89	Current	10.8	-	125	6	5.0	56	1.6	-	6.7	62	1.47	0.99	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63													
20	WEST RUN INTERCEPTER D	17	89	93	Current	9.1	0.2	329	9	4.5	49	1.2	-	6.7	125	1.25	0.19	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62													
25	RICE CREEK	54	90	93	Current	13.0	0.3	600	8	4.9	55	4.5	-	35	7.1	128	1.73	0.19	10	160	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65											
37	ETONIA CREEK	16	89	92	Current	1.4	0.7	48	2	7.1	81	0.8	-	4	7.2	80	0.44	0.09	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20													
38	DEEP CREEK	31	89	93	Current	2.5	1.0	100	5	3.5	37	2.1	-	19	6.8	89	1.21	0.37	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61													
39	CEDAR CREEK	9	91	91	Current	1.8	0.6	80	8	5.0	63	1.5	-	7.0	82	1.32	0.07	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40														
41	MOCCASIN BRANCH	17	89	93	Current	2.9	0.6	275	4	4.4	48	0.8	-	6.6	97	1.17	0.22	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49														

LEGEND:
 ALK-ALKALINITY MG/L
 ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI
 BEG-YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR INDEX
 BECK-BECK'S BIONIC INDEX
 DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 DO-SATURATION %
 END-YE-ENDING YEAR
 FECAL-COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 FLOW-FLOW CFS
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 COND-CONDUTIVITY UMHS
 MAX DOBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
 PH-PH SPANISH UNITS
 PHS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L
 TDS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L
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		#OBS	YR	PERIOD	BEG	END	DATA	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	OXYGEN DEMAND	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO PHOS CHLA	COLIFORM	FECL	NAT	ART	BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI				
45	SIMMS CREEK	5	89	89	Current	2.3	0.7	150	1	6.8	71	0.6	-	-	-	5.1	4	0.58	0.04	0	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	15				
47	ATTS CREEK	11	91	92	Current	1.3	0.7	225	4	7.3	69	1.2	-	-	-	4.2	1	0.62	0.13	0	170	50	-	-	-	-	60	-	32			
48	TOOCI CREEK	18	89	89	Current	1.5	*	93	1	2.3	26	1.0	-	-	-	6.5	1.09	0.26	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1625	-	42			
52	SIR AB RICE CR.	163	89	93	Current	3.7	0.8	75	11	7.6	87	1.7	-	-	-	7.5	81	1.17	0.05	23	64	22	-	-	-	-	1085	0	37			
54	GREEN CREEK	14	91	91	Current	2.0	0.6	140	4	6.3	58	1.9	-	-	-	5.9	5	1.15	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1085	0	46			
55	CLARKES CREEK	4	89	89	Current	8.1	*	400	3	6.4	72	0.7	-	-	-	6.4	36	0.67	0.06	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	-	32		
57	STIMMLE CREEK	31	89	93	Current	2.0	0.9	225	5	4.7	55	2.1	-	-	-	17	6.8	68	1.26	0.10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	0	52		
60	BLACK CREEK S. fork	7	92	92	Current	2.0	0.4	75	3	8.9	91	-	-	-	8	6.0	4	0.42	0.10	0	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	26		
61	PETERS CREEK	34	89	92	Current	4.3	0.6	150	3	2.5	30	2.0	-	-	-	22	6.2	19	1.59	0.36	5	485	92	-	-	-	-	120	-	66		
62	MILL CREEK	3	92	92	Current	5.7	0.3	100	3	5.6	60	-	-	-	14	6.6	113	1.02	0.13	0	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	410	-	52		
67	TROUT CREEK	8	89	92	Current	2.7	0.4	163	4	5.9	68	1.4	-	-	-	15	6.8	63	1.24	0.06	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	695	-	43		
69	MILL CREEK	3	92	92	Current	6.6	0.5	250	3	8.8	88	-	-	-	15	5.8	13	0.41	0.02	1	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	36		
70	BLACK CREEK S. fork	42	90	93	Current	2.7	1.2	169	2	6.1	68	1.2	-	-	-	15	6.0	12	0.56	0.10	1	668	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	0	36
74	BLACK CR AB STR	51	91	91	Current	2.7	0.6	200	3	3.9	38	0.8	-	-	-	6.6	21	1.29	0.11	1	190	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	0	35	
75	BIG BRANCH	3	92	92	Current	2.8	0.3	250	1	7.8	81	-	-	-	17	6.2	31	0.40	0.06	0	186	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	34		
77	BLACK CREEK	50	89	93	Current	2.7	1.1	175	1	5.5	60	0.7	-	-	-	18	6.2	13	0.66	0.08	0	150	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	33
80	GROG BRANCH	4	92	92	Current	10.7	0.7	325	9	7.5	76	-	-	-	22	6.2	24	0.66	0.02	2	147	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	45		
82	CUNNINGHAM CREEK	3	92	92	Current	3.1	1.0	100	1	3.3	34	-	-	-	13	6.2	5.5	0.74	0.05	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	130	-	46			
83	LITTLE BLACK CREEK	3	92	92	Current	2.3	0.5	100	1	3.3	34	-	-	-	30	5.5	11	0.78	0.02	0	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	50		
84	NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	13	91	91	Current	2.0	1.2	150	2	7.7	71	0.7	-	-	-	6.8	10	0.98	0.05	-	280	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	23	
88	NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	28	91	91	Current	1.1	1.1	155	1	5.5	75	0.7	-	-	-	6.0	12	0.44	0.05	-	1850	135	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	34	
89	GOM BRANCH	4	92	92	Current	2.9	0.5	300	1	8.4	85	-	-	-	21	5.9	8	0.52	0.07	0	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	34		
90	DURBIN CREEK	4	92	92	Current	4.6	0.8	250	4	4.7	51	-	-	-	21	6.2	34	0.67	0.09	1	168	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	-	63		
95	LONG BRANCH	3	92	92	Current	3.6	0.3	160	2	7.6	77	-	-	-	34	5.4	7	0.87	0.02	0	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	42		
100	BIG DAVIS CREEK	3	92	92	Current	2.3	0.4	220	1	4.4	46	-	-	-	14	6.9	60	0.59	0.10	1	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	190	-	42		
106	YELLOW WATER CREEK	3	92	92	Current	7.0	0.5	400	14	7.0	67	-	-	-	22	6.3	10	0.76	0.08	1	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	-	49		
117	SAL TAYLOR CREEK	3	92	92	Current	3.5	0.5	150	3	7.0	72	-	-	-	15	6.4	27	1.11	0.07	1	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	34		
129	FISHING CREEK	4	92	92	Current	10.8	0.3	50	18	4.9	57	-	-	-	11	6.3	77	2.49	0.48	9	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	-	63		
133	ROWELL CREEK	3	92	92	Current	3.5	0.3	150	3	6.5	74	-	-	-	15	6.2	30	2.17	0.21	3	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	-	63		
135	BUTCHER PEN CREEK	4	92	92	Current	8.9	0.3	55	22	5.0	57	-	-	-	12	6.6	88	1.14	0.21	66	1650	-	-	-	-	-	-	260	-	65		
138	CALDWELL BRANCH	3	92	92	Current	3.3	0.5	500	1	5.2	56	-	-	-	26	5.8	7	0.87	0.02	0	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	42		
144	ORTEGA RIVER	49	89	93	Current	3.4	0.8	308	4	3.2	34	1.3	-	-	-	12	6.6	42	0.88	0.10	1	920	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	-	49
154	POTTSBURG CREEK	4	92	92	Current	7.3	0.5	70	6	6.0	74	-	-	-	12	6.7	81	1.01	0.16	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	990	0	51			
162	WILLIS BRANCH	54	92	92	Current	7.0	0.7	40	10	3.8	42	-	-	-	11	6.8	94	1.29	0.17	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	720	-	64			
165	CEDAR RIVER	15	92	92	Current	7.8	0.7	50	5	3.6	40	-	-	-	11	7.0	105	1.87	0.19	14	1364	-	-	-	-	-	-	520	-	61		
166	MC COYS CREEK	15	92	92	Current	4.6	0.5	60	25	7.9	83	-	-	-	8	6.3	1.39	0.23	0.23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	57			
168	Arlington River	15	89	92	Current	3.5	0.7	50	2	4.8	54	-	-	-	12	7.6	1.09	0.17	32	718	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	1980	-	47		
180	STRAWBERRY CREEK	4	92	92	Current	3.5	0.3	100	4	5.9	64	-	-	-	8	6.5	81	0.91	0.09	9	927	-	-	-	-	-	-	420	-	48		
185	SYMMIE CREEK REACH	3	92	92	Current	4.9	0.3	100	4	5.9	64	-	-	-	14	6.8	53	0.65	0.10	1	570	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	-	50		
188	LITTLE SYMMIE CREEK	5	92	92	Current	3.9	1.1	23	4	3.5	43	-	-	-	6	7.0	119	0.38	0.14	1	375	-	-	-	-	-	-	670	-	47		
192	MONKFISH CREEK	4	92	92	Current	18.0	0.4	40	32	5.0	58	-	-	-	10	6.8	97	1.24	0.24	31	644	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	3130	-	66	

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 NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
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 TSI-TROPHIC SPATIAL INDEX
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L
 TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML

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		#OBS	YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO PHOS	CHLA	TOTAL FECL	NAT	ART	BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI
195	SUR AB DAMES PT	64	89	92	Current	6.4	0.6	56	18	6.8	74	1.1	-	7.2	0.92	0.10	3	400	55	-	-	-	20290	43
196	SUR AB TROUT R	300	89	93	Current	6.6	0.7	73	19	7.0	77	1.0	-	7.6	1.03	0.14	3	460	55	-	-	-	16365	44
203	SUR AB ICW	99	89	92	Current	6.0	0.7	59	26	6.7	73	1.3	-	7.4	0.64	0.10	3	46	28	-	-	-	31325	42
208	TROUT RIVER	41	89	92	Current	6.7	0.6	81	21	6.8	75	1.3	-	7.3	1.02	0.16	2	285	105	-	-	-	20329	45
212	BROWARD RIVER	29	90	91	Current	10.0	.	43	37	6.7	75	1.8	-	7.6	1.25	0.14	2	936	200	-	-	-	15089	56
215	LITTLE TROUT RIVER	50	91	91	Current	.	.	7	.	7	.	.	.	34	.	2.11	0.33	.	.	.	.	.	72	.

LEGEND:
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SECCHI DISC METERS TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
 ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI END YR-ENDING YEAR NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 BEG YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR PCU PH-PH STANDARD UNITS TSI-TROPHIC STATE INDEX
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMROS FLOW-FLOW CFS TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

DO-DISCHARGE DO 1 SATURATION
 DOSAT-DO 1 SATURATION
 END YR-ENDING YEAR
 FECL-FECAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 FLOW-FLOW CFS
 PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
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				TN	STREAM TP	LAKE TP	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM BACCI
149	ICW	1	WQI CURRENT OR TSI HISTORICAL	FAIR Current	POOR Current	POOR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
197	SJR AB FULLER WARREN B	2		CURRENT OR TSI HISTORICAL	POOR Current	POOR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
198	SJR AB PINET POINT	3		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
207	SISTERS CREEK	4		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
213	BROWNS CREEK	5		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY													
3	Lake Diston.	1		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
7	Crescent Lk	2		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
19	GRANDIN LAKE OUTLET	3		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
40	GEORGES LAKE	4		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
42	LAKE JOHNSON	5		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
43	BEYOND LAKE	6		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
44	CRYSTAL LAKE	7		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
49	SJR AB PALMO CR	8		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
50	SJR AB TOCIO	9		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
51	SJR AB FEDERAL PT	10		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
58	KINGSLEY LAKE OUTLET	11		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
72	SJR AB BLACK CR	12		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
87	DOCTORS LAKE	13		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
199	SJR AB DOCTOR LAKE	14		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
200	SJR AB JOLINGTON CR	15		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM													
1	Dunn's Creek	1		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
2	ORTSGA RIVER	2		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
4	MIDDLE HAW CREEK	3		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
5	HAW CREEK AB CRESCENT LK	4		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
6	HAW CREEK	5		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
9	SJR AB OKLAHOMA RIVER	6		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
11	BULL CREEK DITCHES	7		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
16	RICE CREEK	8		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
18	WILL BRANCH	9		POOR Current	POOR Current	POOR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
20	WEST RUN INTERCEPTER D	10		POOR Current	POOR Current	POOR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
25	RIGS CREEK	11		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
37	FTONTA CREEK	12		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
38	DEEP CREEK	13		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
39	CEDAR CREEK	14		GOOD Current	GOOD Current	GOOD Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-
41	MOCCASTIN BRANCH	15		FAIR Current	FAIR Current	FAIR Current	0	0	x	x	0	0	-

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BECK=BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX

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CURRENT=1989 TO 1993
BIOL=DIV-BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL

FECAL-PHOSPHORUS

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SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

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45 STIMSON CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47 ATE'S CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48 TOCCI CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52 SUR AB RICE CR	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54 GREENE CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 CLARKES CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57 SIXMILE CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 BLACK CREEK S.fork	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 PETERS CREEK	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
62 MILL CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
67 TROUT CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69 MILL CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 BLACK CREEK S.fork	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74 BLACK CK AB STR	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 BIG BRANCH	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77 BLACK CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80 GROG BRANCH	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
82 CUNNINGHAM CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
83 LITTLE BLACK CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84 NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
86 NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89 GUM BRANCH	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90 DUBBIN CREEK	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95 LONG BRANCH	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100 BIG DAVIS CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
106 YELLOW WATER CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
117 SAL TAYLOR CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
129 FISHING CREEK	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
133 ROWELL CREEK	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135 BUTCHER PEN CREEK	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
138 CALDWELL BRANCH	1	GOOD	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
144 ORTEGA RIVER	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
154 POTTSBURG CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
162 WILLIS BRANCH	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
165 CEDAR RIVER	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
166 MCCOYS CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
168 Arlington River	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
180 STRAWBERRY CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
185 SIMMIE CREEK REACH	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
188 LITTLE STOMMIE CREEK	1	FAIR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
192 MONCREIF CREEK	1	POOR	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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				TP	TP	TSS	TSS	TSS	TSS	TSS	TOT>3700	TOT<1.95	CHLA>40	SDC<.7		
195	SJR AB DANES PT	1	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	
196	SJR AB TROUT R	1	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	
203	SJR AB TOW	1	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	
208	TROUT RIVER	1	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	
212	BROWARD RIVER	1	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	-	
215	LITTLE TROUT RIVER	x	POOR	Current	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	-	

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WATERSHED
ID NAME
MEETS
USE ?
TSI

* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM

	QUALITY RANK	OVER-1Q	SI	N	T	T	T	C	S	P	A	T	B	T	D	D	E	F	<-- PLEASE READ THESE COLUMNS VERTICALLY
1 DUNNS CREEK	POOR	X	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	
2 ORTIGA RIVER	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4 MIDDLE HAW CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5 HAW CRK AB CRESCENT LK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6 HAW CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9 SJR ab Oklawaha River	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11 BULL CREEK DITCHES	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16 RICE CREEK	YES	GOOD	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18 MILL BRANCH	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 WEST RUN INTERCEPTER D	NO	POOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25 RICE CREEK	NO	POOR	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
37 ETONIA CREEK	YES	GOOD	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
38 DEEP CREEK	NO	POOR	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
39 CEDAR CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM

	GOOD	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1 DUNNS CREEK	YES	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2 ORTIGA RIVER	YES	GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4 MIDDLE HAW CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5 HAW CRK AB CRESCENT LK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6 HAW CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9 SJR ab Oklawaha River	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11 BULL CREEK DITCHES	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16 RICE CREEK	YES	GOOD	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18 MILL BRANCH	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 WEST RUN INTERCEPTER D	NO	POOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25 RICE CREEK	NO	POOR	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
37 ETONIA CREEK	YES	GOOD	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
38 DEEP CREEK	NO	POOR	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
39 CEDAR CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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TCOLI-TOTAL COLIFORM

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FLOW-FLOW

MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE

TOC-T.ORGANIC CARBON

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			QUALITY RANK			OVER-10 or ALL			TITTCSPATTE			BTDITETF		
			WQI	TREND	A	L	R	I	K	R	S	D	C	O
41 MOCASIN BRANCH	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 SIMMS CREEK	YES	GOOD	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47 ATE'S CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48 TOCO CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52 SJR AB RICE CR	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+
54 GREENE CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 CLARKES CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57 SIMMIE CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 Black Creek s.fork	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 PETERS CREEK	NO	POOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
62 MILL CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67 TROUT CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69 MILL CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 Black Creek s.fork	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74 BLACK CK AB	STAR	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 BIG BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77 BLACK CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80 GROG BRANCH	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
82 CUNNINGHAM CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
83 LITTLE BLACK CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84 NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88 NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89 GUM BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90 DURBIN CREEK	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95 LONG BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100 BIG DAVIS CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
105 YELLOW WATER CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
117 SAL TAYLOR CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
129 FISHING CREEK	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
133 ROMELL CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
135 BUTCHER PEN CREEK	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
138 CALDWELL BRANCH	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
144 ORTEGA RIVER	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	+	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	+	0	+
154 PONTEBORG CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
162 WILLIS BRANCH	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
165 CEDAR RIVER	NO	POOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
166 MCCOY'S CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
168 Arlington River	PARTIAL	FAIR	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
180 STRAWBERRY CREEK	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
185 SIMMIE CREEK REACH	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DO-SAT-DO SATURATION
FC-DI-FEAL COLIFORM
FLOW-FLOW
METS-US-B-METS DESIGNATED USE
CHL-CHLORODIVYL
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1984 - 1993 TRENDS

WATERSHED ID	NAME	QUALITY RANK OVER-Q OR WQI TREND	1984 - 1993 TRENDS												DEGRADATION SOURCES, PRESENT CONDITIONS AND CLEANUP EFFORTS
			W	T	T	C	S	I	P	A	T	B	T	F	
ALL	ALL	I	L	K	R	S	O	O	C	E	L				
188	LITTLE SIMABLE CREEK	PARTIAL	PAIR	POOR	NO	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
192	MONGRIFF CREEK	PARTIAL	PAIR	POOR	NO	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
195	SJR AB DAMES PT	YES	PAIR	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
196	SJR AB TROUT R	YES	PAIR	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
203	SJR AB ICW	YES	PAIR	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
208	TROUT RIVER	PARTIAL	PAIR	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
212	BROWARD RIVER	PARTIAL	PAIR	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	
215	LITTLE TROUT RIVER	NO	PAIR	POOR	NO	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	+	GOOD	

LEGEND:

DOSAT-DO SATURATION

FCOL-Faecal Coliform

FLOW-FLOW

MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE

PH-PH

SD-SECCHI DISC METERS

TCOL-TOTAL COLIFORM

TEMP-TEMPERATURE

TURB-TURBIDITY

TSI-TROPHIC STATE INDEX FOR LAKES AND ESTUARIES

WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX FOR STREAMS AND SPRINGS

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			B	S	P	O	S	A	H	T	T	O	F	T	E	I	O
M	A	B	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	I	N	O
A	P	W	B	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	N	H
P	T	W	B	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	H	O	O
T	I	B	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	D	S	F
I	D	I	I	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	E	W	R
D	D	N	N												D	D	T
															C	I	S
1	2606A	DUNNS CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	R	S
2	2213P	OREGIA RIVER	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	U
	2606B	Crescent Lk	FAIR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	H
8*	2625	LAKE STELLA OUTLET	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	I	O
9	2213O	SJR AB OKlawaha River	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	H
10*	2623	SILVER LAKE OUTLET	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	D	R
12*	2619	ACOSTA CREEK	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
13*	2616	CAMP BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14*	2611	HAMMOCK BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15*	2605	CROSS FLORIDA BARGE CA	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2589	SIXTEENMILE CREEK	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	2592	MILL BRANCH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21*	2583	COW BRANCH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22*	2585	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23*	2578	DOG BRANCH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24*	2579	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26*	2571	UNNAMED DITCH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27*	2568	UNNAMED DITCH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2555	CRACKER BRANCH	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29*	2563	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30*	2511A	SIMMS CREEK	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31*	2562	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
32*	2564	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2561	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34*	2559	UNNAMED DITCHES	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
35*	2563B	ETONIA CREEK	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
36*	2552	UNNAMED DITCHES	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	37	2543A	ETONIA CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
38	2549	DEEP CREEK	POOR	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
41	2540	MOCASIN BRANCH	POOR	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45	2511B	SIMMS CREEK	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46*	2522	UNNAMED CANAL	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
56*	2495	TORN BRANCH	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
48	2492	TOOTI CREEK	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
49	2213J	SJR AB PALMO CR	FAIR	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2213K	SJR AB TOTIO	FAIR	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51	2213L	SJR AB FEDERAL PT	FAIR	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
52	2213N	SJR AB DUNNS CR	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	52	2213N	SJR AB RICE CR	GOOD	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
56*	2495	KENDALL CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
57	2411	SIMMIE CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
59*	2474	UNNAMED DRAIN	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
62	2460	MILL CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
63*	2461	UNNAMED BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
64*	2453	PETTY BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
65*	2450	MOLASSES BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
66*	2448	KENDALL CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
67	2431	TROUT CREEK	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	68*	2443	ORANGE GROVE BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	71*	KENTUCKY BRANCH	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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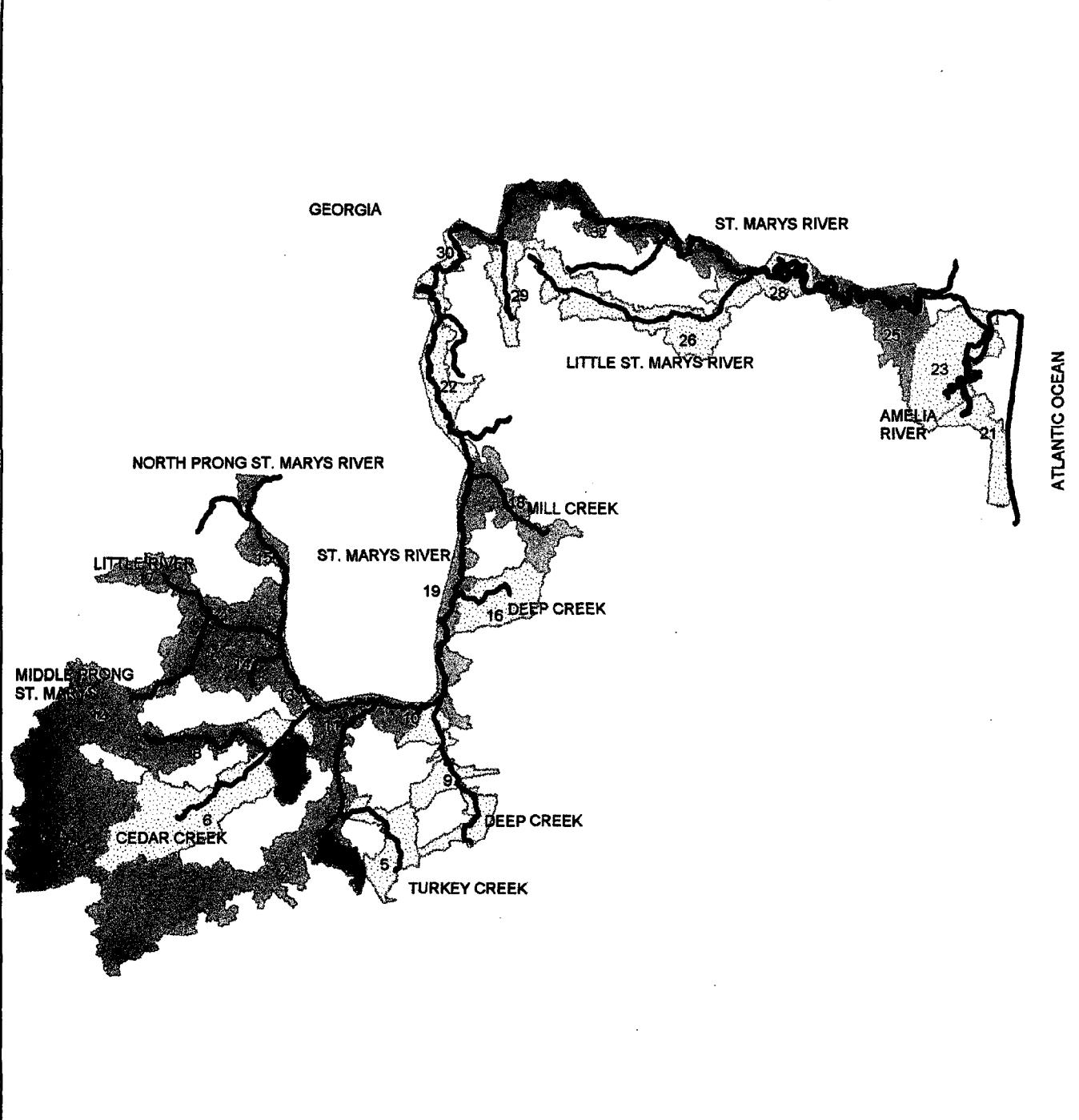
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72	22131			SUR AB BLACK CR.	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2426			UNNAMED BRANCH	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2417			HILL CREEK	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	78*			BOWEN BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2409			BIG LIGE BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2408			UNNAMED SLOUGH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	62	2404		CORNINGHAM CREEK	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	85*	2398		UNNAMED SLOUGH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	85*	2397		FLORA BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	90	2365		DUBBIN CREEK	POOR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	91*	2381		CORPORANT CREEK	MANDARIN DRAIN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	93*	2385		UNNAMED DRAIN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	94*	2379		UNNAMED RUN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	94*	2376		UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	95	2342		LONG BRANCH	GOOD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	96*	2375		N. HEADWATERCROOK TERR SL	GOOD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	97*	2382		UNNAMED DRAIN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	98*	2359		CMP BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	99*	2351		JULINGTON CREEK	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	100	2356		BIG DAVIS CREEK	GOOD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	101*	2369		UNNAMED RUN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	102*	2358		UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	103*	2367		UNNAMED RUN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	104*	2361		DEEP BOTTOM CREEK	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	105*	2362		UNNAMED RUN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	106	2323		YELLOW WATER CREEK	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	107*	2350		SWEETWATER CREEK	FAIR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	108*	2355		UNNAMED RUN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	110*	2353		UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	111*	2341		BOX BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	112*	2349		MOORE BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	113*	2352		UNNAMED RUN	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	114*	2344		UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	115*	2283		PABLO CREEK	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	116*	2347		UNNAMED STREAM	GOOD	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	117	2327		SAL TAYLOR CREEK	UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	118*	2346		UNNAMED BRANCH	UNNAMED DITCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	119*	2345		UNNAMED STREAM	UNNAMED DITCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	120*	2343		UNNAMED BRANCH	UNNAMED DITCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	121*	2338		GOODEYS CREEK	UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	122*	2326		GOODEYS CREEK	UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	123*	2340		UNNAMED BRANCH	UNNAMED BRANCH	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	124*	2328		CABBAGE CREEK	PINTHEON GUM SWAMP	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	125*	2271		UNNAMED BRANCH	PINTHEON GUM SWAMP	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	126*	2335		VENETIAN TERRACE DITCH	UNNAMED DITCHES	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	127*	2334		VENETIAN TERRACE DITCH	UNNAMED DITCHES	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X
	128*	2333		VENETIAN TERRACE DITCH	UNNAMED DITCHES	THREAT	X	X	X	X	X	X

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P	B	S	E	N	I	T	R	S	E	I	R	T	M	S	F	D	B	W	I	S	E	T	D	R	N	M	
T	I	I	N	S	T	A	T	N	I	E	R	T	L	T	S	E	C	W	I	S	N	T	A	R	S	L	
D	N	S	S	S	T	A	T	N	I	E	R	T	L	T	W	L	L	D	T	R	L	M	D	P	G	B	
177*	2240	GREENFIELD CREEK																									
178*	2256	DEER CREEK																									
179*	2244	COW HEAD CREEK																									
180*	2239	STRAWBERRY CREEK																									
181*	2253	UNNAMED DITCHES																									
182*	2243	ALFIELD DRAIN																									
183*	2251	BULTS BAY																									
184*	2234	MOUNT PLEASANT CREEK																									
185	2232	STIMMIE CREEK BEACH																									
186*	2237	TIGER POND CREEK																									
187*	2235	NEW CASTLE CREEK																									
188	2238	LITTLE STIMMIE CREEK																									
189*	2233	LONG BRANCH																									
190*	2227	SHERMAN CREEK																									
191*	2231	UNNAMED BRANCH																									
192	2228	MONCRIF CREEK																									
193*	2224	REBUILT RIVER																									
194*	2221	BAY DRAIN																									
195	2213C	SJR AB DAMS PT																									
196	2213D	SJR AB TROUT R																									
197	2213E	SJR AB FULLER WARREN E																									
198	2213F	SJR AB PINEY POINT																									
199	2213G	SJR AB DOCTOR LAKE																									
200	2213H	SJR AB JULINGTON CR.																									
201*	2223	UNNAMED BRANCH																									
202*	2213B	NINERILE CREEK																									
203	2213B	SJR ab IOW																									
204*	2213A	SJR ab mouth																									
205*	2216	DRUMMOND DREEK																									
206*	2216	NICHOLLS CREEK																									
207	2209A	SISTERS CREEK																									
208	2203	TROUT RIVER																									
209*	2207	BLOCK HOUSE CREEK																									
210*	2204	TERRAPIN CREEK																									
211	2205B	CEDAR POINT CREEK																									
212	2191	BROWARD RIVER																									
213	2209	BROWNS CREEK																									
214*	2210	WEST BRANCH																									
215	2206	LITTLE TROUT RIVER																									
216*	2200	HALF CREEK																									
217*	2201	GUILLEY BRANCH																									
218*	2188	CLAPBOARD CREEK																									
219*	2181	DUNN CREEK																									
220*	2186	LITTLE CEDAR CREEK																									
221	2189	RUSHING BRANCH																									
222*	2187	BEGSHLY HEIGHTS DRAIN																									
223*	2183	CANEY CREEK																									
224*	2190	AIR NAT GUARD DITCH																									



ST. MARY'S RIVER BASIN
03070204

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY

██████	GOOD
███	THREATENED
██	FAIR
█	POOR
	UNKNOWN



ST. MARYS RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 1,610 square miles (about 60% in Florida)

Major Land Uses: forest

Population Density: low (Fernandina Beach, Macclenny)

Major Pollution Sources: WWTP, pulp mills

Best Water Quality Areas: upper regions of St. Marys River

Worst Water Quality Areas: John Row Branch

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 4 sites, improving water quality
at mouth of St. Marys and degrading water quality just upstream

OFW Waterbodies:

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Ft. Clinch State Aquatic Preserve

SWIM Waterbodies: none

Reference Reports:

Coastal Area BAS, DEP (Jacksonville), 1987

Florida Rivers Assessment, DEP/FREAC/NPS, 1989

Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DEP (Tallahassee), 1988

Biological Assessment of Container Corporation of America, DEP
January, 1992

Biological Assessment of ITT Rayonier, Inc., DEP, December, 1991

Basin Water Quality Experts:

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Lee Banks, DEP (Jacksonville), 904/448-4300

In the News

- * The U.S. House passed and sent to President Bush legislation authorizing the National Park Service to study the St. Marys River to determine if sections should be protected as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System. The Final Draft of the study was published for public comment in December 1993. The study found some portions of the river eligible and suitable for the designation. It includes recommendations on who to manage the protected areas.
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Ecological Characterization

The St. Marys River has its origins in the Okefenokee and associated swamps in the western portion of the basin. The average flow of the river is about 1,200 cfs. This remote blackwater stream forms the northeast border between Florida and Georgia. There is little development in the upper basin. Where accessible, land use is primarily silviculture. A small urban and agricultural area exists in the South Prong drainage. The lower portion of the St. Marys River is tidally influenced and reverse flows occur

daily. Amelia River forms the estuarine portion of the basin and has a drainage area of approximately 5 square miles.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The St. Marys River with its extensive marsh system generally has excellent water quality. There are three areas of concern in the basin: the South Prong, Little St. Marys, and Amelia River. The basin, upstream of Boulogue, is generally characterized by naturally high color, low pH and low DO.

The South Prong, in the past, has shown minor problems with high bacteria and nutrient concentrations, possibly due to agricultural impacts and to the effluents from the Macclenny WWTP and the Northeast Florida State Hospital WWTP. Both effluents discharge to Turkey Creek, a tributary of the South Prong.

Finally, the Amelia River estuary has historically exhibited fair water quality with DO, water clarity and nutrient problems. The Fernandina Beach WWTP discharges directly to the Amelia River. Two Florida, one Georgia pulp paper mills, and urban runoff from rapidly developing Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island also affect the water quality. More recent data indicates the DO problem has been reduced. Also, the City of St. Marys on the Georgia border is growing rapidly, related to the Kings Bay Naval Base and the paper industry. A site specific alternative criterion of 3.2 mg/l dissolved oxygen has been issued for the Amelia River in the vicinity of the ITT Rayonnier (paper mill) discharge point during certain tidal flows. Additionally, high ammonia-ammonium concentrations are being found in the Fernandina Beach area.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03070204 ST MARYS RIVER

WATERSHED DATA RECORD

WATERSHED ID	NAME	MAX OBS	BEG YR	END YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	OXYGEN DEMAND	ALKALINITY	PH ALK	NITRO PHOS	CHLA	TOTAL FECL	NAT BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI		
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY																											
21	JACKSON CREEK	63	90	93	Current	5.1	0.9	38	26	6.6	70	1.3	*	7.7	109	0.68	0.07	50	41	3.3	*	37138	*	58			
23	AMBLA RIVER	37	90	92	Current	4.2	1.0	45	24	5.7	65	1.3	*	6	7.5	110	0.65	0.08	5	71	6	*	45850	*	54		
27	St. Marys Riv AB ICWW	21	90	93	Current	5.9	0.8	35	6.5	71	1.4	*	7.6	99	0.69	0.05	*	68	12	*	*	42250	*	60			
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																											
1	HARPTON LAKE	11	90	91	Current	3.3	0.7	200	7	5.1	57	1.2	*	14	5.7	7	0.81	0.05	8	235	20	*	68	*	60		
3	OCEAN POND OUTLET	52	80	80	Historical	5.0	0.6	*	8.0	84	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.42	0.05	*	*	*	*	46	*	57		
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																											
2	SOUTH PRONG ST. MARYS	18	90	91	Current	6.6	0.4	195	3	6.0	65	1.0	*	16	6.0	24	0.95	0.13	1	520	120	*	*	103	*	37	
4	JOHN ROW BRANCH ST. MARYS	4	80	80	Historical	4.5	0.3	85	33	3.3	33	18.5	89	*	7.0	5.43	3.85	*	1663311650	*	*	245	*	83	*		
5	TURKEY CREEK	5	93	93	Current	4.7	0.5	100	4	2.7	30	*	*	11	5.7	36	0.41	4	*	280	*	*	*	104	*	48	
6	CEDAR CREEK	10	90	91	Current	9.8	0.5	418	3	6.6	69	1.4	*	19	5.4	14	1.40	0.14	0	*	*	*	*	88	*	47	
8	CAKINS CREEK	3	92	92	Current	1.8	0.3	400	1	5.6	66	*	*	36	4.5	1	0.86	0.02	1	*	44	*	*	60	*	41	
9	DEEP CREEK	3	92	92	Current	6.3	0.3	400	3	3.7	44	*	*	27	6.0	9	1.24	0.19	1	*	40	*	*	58	*	33	
10	St. Marys River	104	70	86	Historical	2.0	0.6	200	5	7.7	82	*	*	23	5.3	3	0.79	0.05	1	175	65	*	*	50	*	280	
11	St. Marys River	46	89	93	Current	2.3	0.4	320	3	6.8	78	1.3	*	24	4.9	2	0.92	0.04	1	240	20	*	2.6	19	*	31	
12	MIDDLE PRONG ST. MARYS	25	90	93	Current	2.7	0.2	441	2	6.5	71	1.1	*	38	5.3	12	0.3	0.04	1	334	100	*	*	78	*	34	
13	St. Marys River	3	92	92	Current	2.6	0.4	600	2	7.4	79	*	*	43	3.7	1	1.02	0.02	1	*	20	*	*	70	*	34	
14	BUFF CREEK	3	92	92	Current	4.0	0.2	400	1	8.3	83	*	*	29	4.5	2	0.58	0.02	0	210	*	*	40	*	38		
15	St. Marys R. N. Prong	39	90	93	Current	1.3	0.4	450	3	5.5	57	1.0	*	64	3.8	1	1.19	0.04	0	398	25	*	3.3	12	84	*	
16	DEEP CREEK	4	92	92	Current	2.8	0.3	600	4	5.5	14	*	*	35	4.9	2	1.21	0.04	2	*	51	*	*	70	*	56	
17	LITTLE RIVER	3	92	92	Current	3.0	0.2	600	2	6.0	63	*	*	35	4.5	2	1.21	0.04	1	*	51	*	*	70	*	40	
18	MILL CREEK	3	92	92	Current	2.1	0.3	500	1	5.2	54	*	*	30	4.6	1	0.87	0.02	0	*	56	*	*	70	*	43	
19	St. Marys River	33	90	93	Current	3.3	0.6	263	6	6.7	75	1.6	*	6.0	7	0.93	0.06	*	273	27	*	*	71	*	37		
20	DEEP CREEK	3	92	92	Current	4.3	0.5	600	2	1.6	19	*	*	42	4.2	2	1.22	0.05	1	*	157	*	*	60	*	62	
22	St. Marys River	3	92	92	Current	4.0	0.4	500	6	6.1	68	*	*	33	5.0	1	0.99	0.07	0	*	32	*	*	55	*	47	
24	DUNN CREEK	3	92	92	Current	3.6	0.3	600	3	3.9	47	*	*	30	4.2	4	0.90	0.11	1	*	827	*	*	50	*	33	
25	St. Marys River	25	92	93	Current	6.1	0.9	75	23	6.5	71	1.0	*	7.4	81	0.86	0.07	40	12	*	*	34750	*	33			
26	LITTLE ST. MARYS RIVER	9	92	93	Current	4.8	0.5	243	4	2.4	28	*	*	24	5.9	31	1.28	0.04	8	*	114	*	*	135	*	59	
27	St. Marys River	40	89	93	Current	5.7	0.6	275	10	5.5	56	*	*	29	6.1	9	0.97	0.05	2	338	85	*	*	1180	*	47	
28	PIGEON CREEK	12	92	93	Current	6.7	0.5	205	4	5.9	62	1.5	*	18	5.2	5	0.53	0.03	0	1575	368	*	1.7	14	150	*	47
30	St. Marys River	2	92	92	Current	6.3	0.4	450	5	5.8	69	*	*	32	5.5	5	0.95	0.06	1	*	42	*	*	55	*	49	
31	CABBAGE CREEK	3	92	92	Current	7.0	0.2	400	3	1.8	22	*	*	32	5.7	11	1.41	0.05	1	*	154	*	*	100	*	65	
32	St. Marys River	67	89	93	Current	3.4	0.6	250	5	4.5	53	1.1	*	26	6.0	7	1.04	0.05	0	373	50	*	*	75	*	43	

LEGEND:
 ALK-ALKALINITY MG/L
 ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI
 BEG-YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 COLOR-COLOR PCU
 COND-CONDUTIVITY UMHOES
 DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 END-YR-ENDING YEAR
 FLOW-FLOW CFS
 MAX DO-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES
 NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 NOX-NOX NITROGEN MG/L
 PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
 PHS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L
 SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
 WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
 TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 TS-TROPHIC STATE INDEX
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

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'X' = EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
0 = MISSING DATA

WATERSHED SCREENING CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATER BODY TYPE:	STREAM	TN	TP	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA			
												TOTAL PHOSPHORUS	TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CHLA CONCENTRATION	SECCI DISC INDEX
21	JACKSON CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
23	AMELIA RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
27	St. Marys Riv Ab Iowa	UNKN	Current	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
* 1	HAMPTON LAKE	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
3	OCEAN POND OUTLET	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	-	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
* 2	SOUTH PRONG ST. MARYS	GOOD	Current	0	-	0	-	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
4	JOHN ROW BRANCH	Poor	Historical	0	-	x	-	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
5	TURKEY CREEK	FAIR	Current	x	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
6	CEDAR CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
8	CALKINS CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
9	DEEP CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
10	St. Marys River	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
11	St. Marys River	Good	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
12	MIDDLE PRONG ST. MARYS	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
13	St. Marys River	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
14	LUFF CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
15	St. Marys R. N. Prong	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
16	DEEP CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
17	LITTLE RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
18	MILL CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
19	St. Marys River	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
20	DEEP CREEK	UNKN	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
22	St. Marys River	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
24	DORN CREEK	UNKN	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
25	St. Marys River	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
26	LITTLE ST. MARYS RIVER	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
28	St. Marys River	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
29	PIGEON CREEK	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
30	St. Marys River	FAIR	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
31	CABBAGE CREEK	UNKN	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0
32	St. Marys River	GOOD	Current	0	-	x	0	-	x	-	0	-	0	-	0

LEGEND:
 COND=CONDUCTIVITY
 ALK=ALKALINITY
 DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
 BECK=BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 BIOL DIV=BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
 CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
 DIAT=ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 DINAT=NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY

** = EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
 0 = MISSING DATA
 WQI = WATER QUALITY INDEX
 WHICH INDEX USED, WQI OR TS1, IS
 BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE
 TP=PHOSPHORUS
 TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
 OXYGEN DEMAND-BOD, COD, TOC
 PH-PH
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURB-TURBIDITY
 SD-SECCI DISC METERS

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

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'X' = DEGRADING TREND
'0' = STABLE TREND
'+' = IMPROVING TREND
'.' = MISSING DATA

1984 - 1993 TRENDS
OVER-10 or S/N P H D I H L I U S O O C C E L
ALL I I L K R S D C S I O O M O
WQI TREND I A B A L L P W
MEETS OR USE ? TSI T I I
DEGRADATION SOURCES, PRESENT CONDITIONS AND CLEANUP EFFORTS

* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY

21	JACKSON CREEK	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
23	AMELIA RIVER	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
27	St. Marys Riv AB ICWW	NO UNKN	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE

1	HAMPTON LAKES	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
3	OCEAN POND OUTLET	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM

2	SOUTH PRONG ST. MARYS	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
4	JOHN ROW BRANCH	NO POOR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
5	TURKEY CREEK	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
6	CEDAR CREEK	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
8	CAKIN'S CREEK	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
9	DEEP CREEK	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
10	St. Marys River	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
11	St. Marys River	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
12	MIDDLE PRONG ST. MARYS	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
13	St. Marys River	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
14	BLUFF CREEK	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
15	St. Marys R. N. Prong	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
16	DEEP CREEK	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
17	LITTLE RIVER	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
18	MILL CREEK	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
19	St. Marys River	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
20	DEEP CREEK	NO UNKN	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
22	St. Marys River	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
24	DUNN CREEK	NO UNKN	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
25	St. Marys River	YES GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
26	LITTLE ST. MARYS RIVER	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
28	St. Marys River	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
29	PIGEON CREEK	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
30	St. Marys River	PARTIAL FAIR	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
31	CABRIGS CREEK	NO UNKN	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
32	St. Marys River	GOOD	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

LEGEND:
DO-SAT-DO SATURATION
FCOLL-FEICAL COLIFORM
ALK-ALKALINITY
BOD-BIOCHEM. OXYGEN DEMAND
CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL
DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN
MEETS USE-MERTS DESIGNATED USE
PH-PH
SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS

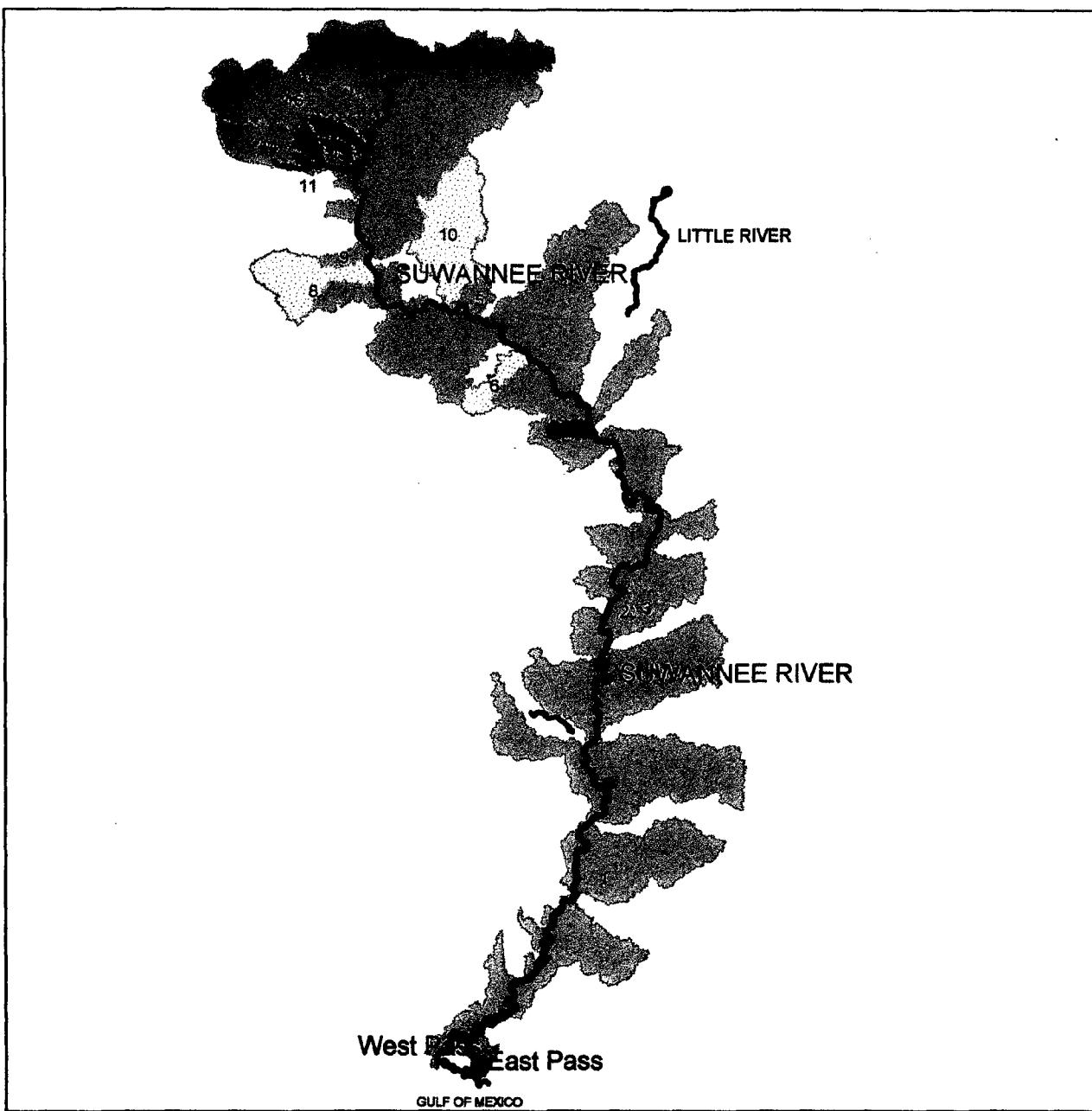
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TOC-T.ORGANIC CARBON
TP-PHOSPHORUS
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS

TURB-TURBIDITY
TSI-TROPHIC STATUS INDEX FOR LAKES AND ESTUARIES
WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX FOR STREAMS AND SPRINGS

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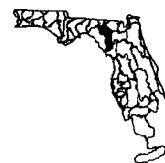
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M	A	B	W	W	W	T	C	D	O	L	A	H	S	T	I	F	T	I	S	N	H	O	E	E	H	O	
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I	I	I	2339	OCEAN POND OUTLET	GOOD	THREAT	X																				
D	N	N	2242	CEDAR CREEK	FAIR	THREAT	X																				
D	N	N	2268	SCOUT POND DRAIN	THREAT	X																					
7*																											



WATER QUALITY

- GOOD
- THREATENED
- FAIR
- POOR
- UNKNOWN



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LOWER SUWANNEE RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 1,596 square miles

Major Land Uses: forestry, agriculture

Population Density: low (Live Oak, Branford, Chiefland)

Major Pollution Sources: poultry processing facility, dairy and agriculture operations

Best Water Quality Areas: Lower Suwannee River

Worst Water Quality Areas: Owens Spring

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at one site, improving quality in Suwannee River

OFW Waterbodies: Suwannee River, Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge

SWIM Waterbodies: Suwannee River System

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In the News

- * A 10-20 year flood occurred on the Suwannee River during the late winter of 1991.
 - * The Dixie County Board of County Commissioners passed a county ordinance, creating a Water and Sewer District for the Town of Suwannee in November, 1992. In doing so the town is moving toward centralized WWTP and removal of septic tanks.
 - * A major winter storm, known as the Storm of the Century, impacted the Suwannee River late winter of 1993.
 - * DER released PRFT monies to Suwannee River Water Management District in November 1991 for the restoration of Ruth Springs, Royal Springs and the tidal shore line of the Town of Suwannee. Restorations were completed in August 1993.
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Ecological Characterization

The Suwannee River, with an average flow of 11,000 cfs, is one of Florida's largest, relatively unspoiled rivers, and one of its most treasured. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, it travels 245 miles to the Gulf of Mexico. The Lower Suwannee River Basin begins at the junction of the Withlacoochee River where the Suwannee River renews its southerly course. From the headwaters, the downstream increase in flow reflects not only the larger drainage area but also a major contribution of ground water from the Floridan Aquifer through springs along the river's course. The lower river also receives flow from two major tributaries: the Withlacoochee River with a discharge of 1,600 cfs, and the Santa Fe River with an average flow of 2,000 cfs.

Most of the Suwannee River flows through excessively well-drained soils, thus there is relatively little overland drainage and few tributaries. Instead, water percolates through the soil and into the ground water. Conduits of the karst terrain account for the numerous springs. The springs can be thought of as tributaries of exceptionally good water quality, however, when the river is under flood conditions, it covers the springs and a reverse flow occurs. The springs drain the river water which causes impact to the groundwater.

Because of its drainage characteristics, the land may not be well suited for agriculture and dairy operations. There is concern that the impacts of dairies and other high intensity agricultural operations will degrade ground water. Monitoring wells, as part of the DEP/SRWMD VISA Network, are being sampled. The basin is sparsely populated and there are only a few communities adjacent to the river. Below Fanning Springs, the river passes into the lower coastal areas which are primarily forested swamp land where silviculture is the major land use. The Town of Suwannee lies next to the estuary. Manatees are found in the lower reaches of the Suwannee River.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The Suwannee River has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water and is considered to be one of the State's treasures. Water quality is generally good in all reaches of the lower Suwannee River. Phosphorus is contributed by mining operations, which are located in the upper Suwannee River basin. Over the past decade total phosphorus concentrations have been declining. In addition, Gold Kist, Inc., poultry processing plant discharges below the confluence of the Withlacoochee River. There are a few other pollution sources in the basin such as septic tanks and dairies.

The Withlacoochee basin has several pollution problems. It receives a considerable sediment, nutrient, and possibly pesticide loading from agricultural runoff. Additionally, several WWTPs discharge to the Withlacoochee in Georgia. The Withlacoochee also receives effluent from a pulp mill in Georgia via Jumping Gully Creek. Eutrophication, however, is not a severe problem in the Suwannee because of the rapid flushing of the system and the spring inflow to the river. The effects of this enrichment on the receiving estuary, Suwannee Sound, have not been determined. The lower river is threatened by housing developments within the floodplain. The Town of Suwannee relies entirely on septic tanks for wastewater treatment. A 1991 HRS study of on-site septic tanks found that most of the septic tank systems were inadequate. Additionally, the town is built on a low lying, swampy area connected with a network of drainage canals. A past study by the Northeast DEP District indicated that the Town had an extensive bacteriological impact on the area due to chronic wastewater leachate problems. Nearby shellfishing areas are frequently closed due to high bacteria values. The Town recently created a Water and Sewer District which will facilitate its efforts to obtain a centralized wastewater treatment plant.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110205 SUWANNEE RIVER, LOWER

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD			WATER CLARITY			DISSOLVED OXYGEN DEMAND			PH ALKALINITY			TROPHIC STATUS			COLIFORM			BIODIVERSITY			SPECIES DIVERSITY			COND FLOW			INDEX		
		#OBS	BEG YR	END YR	PERIOD	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO PROS CHLA	FECL NAT	ART BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI									
*	WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																														
7	MORGAN LAGOON	3	90	90	Current	.	.	.	.	.	56.0	.	.	6.9	.	210.052.00	.	399E3	.	.	2680	.	.	100	.	.	.	.	.	.
*	WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING																														
3	ROCK BLUFF SPRING	4	92	92	Current	0.2	8.5	3	2	3.0	32	.	.	7.5	125	1.02	0.06	.	.	.	275	.	44	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	OWENS SPRING	2	92	92	Current	0.2	5.0	3	2	1.6	18	.	.	7.3	155	3.33	0.05	.	.	.	376	.	53	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	BLUFF SPRING	8	91	93	Current	.	.	.	1.9	22	0.5	.	.	7.3	190	0.05	.	.	.	.	.	383	103	51	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	ALLEN MILL POND DRAIN	3	92	92	Current	0.2	.	3	2	0.1	2	.	.	7.3	185	0.56	0.06	.	.	.	413	.	43	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	PEACOCK SLough	3	92	92	Current	0.2	.	3	2	2.6	27	.	.	7.4	155	2.31	0.06	.	.	.	371	.	52	.	.	.	.	.	.
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																														
1	SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	218	89	93	Current	2.2	1.1	140	3	6.5	70	1.0	.	14	7.2	83	0.92	0.13	1	85	.	.	.	259	.	34	.	.	.		
2	SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	46	89	93	Current	1.6	1.1	175	3	6.5	67	0.8	.	15	7.3	81	1.03	0.15	1	96	.	.	.	211	.	33	.	.	.		
5	SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	245	89	93	Current	2.6	0.9	183	3	6.2	67	1.0	.	19	7.0	73	0.97	0.20	1	95	16	.	.	194	4980	34	.	.	.		
11	BETHEL CREEK	4	93	93	Current	2.6	.	400	4	7.3	76	.	.	27	7.2	108	0.66	0.04	.	.	.	198	.	36	.	.	.	.	.	.

* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM
 1 SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)
 2 SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)
 5 SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)
 11 BETHEL CREEK

LEGEND:
 BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-BECHCI DISC METERS
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L DOSAT-DO % SATURATION TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
 COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L END YR-ENDING YEAR TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
 ALK-ALKALINITY MG/L ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
 BEG-YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR PCU PH-PH STANDARD UNITS
 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX COND-CONDUTIVITY UMhos
 FLOW-FLOW CFS TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

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 11 BETHEL CREEK

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110205 SUWANNEE RIVER, LOWER

WATERSHED DATA RECORD

WATER CLARITY

DISSOLVED OXYGEN DEMAND

PH ALKALINITY

TROPHIC STATUS

COLIFORM

BIODIVERSITY

SPECIES DIVERSITY

COND FLOW

INDEX

WATER QUALITY INDICES

WQI-RIVER

WQI-ESTUARY

WQI-LAKE

WATER QUALITY INDICES

WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX

TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L

TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L

TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML

NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L

FECLE-FECL FECAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML

PH-PH STANDARD UNITS

COND-CONDUTIVITY UMhos

FLOW-FLOW CFS

PHOS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L

TSI-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

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"X" = EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
"0" = WITHIN SCREENING CRITERIA

SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM TP	LAKE TP	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM BACTERIA	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CHLA CHLOROPHYLL	SECCHI DISC
			TN>2.0	TP>.46	TP>.12	PH>.8	ALK<20	TURB>16.5 COND>1275	BOD>3.3 COD>102	DO<4	TOT>1700 DIAT>1.95	CHLA>40 CHLAD>1.5	TOC>27.5	IFCALC>170 DIVAT>1.5	SD<.7 BECK<5.5
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE															
7 MORGAN LAGOON	UNKN	Current	x	x	x	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
* WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING															
3 ROCK BLUFF SPRING	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x
6 OWENS SPRING	FAIR	Current	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
8 BLUE SPRING	FAIR	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x
9 ALLEN MILL POND DRAIN	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
10 PEACOCK SLOUGH	FAIR	Current	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM															
1 SWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 SWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 SWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 BETHEL CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

COND=CONDUCTIVITY
ALK=ALKALINITY
DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
BECK=BIOCITIC INDEX
BIOL DIV=BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL

FRESH-FEAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
HISTORICAL-1970 TO 1988
OXYGEN DEMAND-BOD, COD, TOC
PH-PH
TN-NITROGEN

TP-PHOSPHORUS
TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
TURB-TURBIDITY
SD-SECCHI DISC METERS

WQI OR TSI-WATER QUALITY INDEX RATING
WHICH INDEX USED, WQI OR TSI, IS
BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110205 SOWANNE RIVER, LOWER

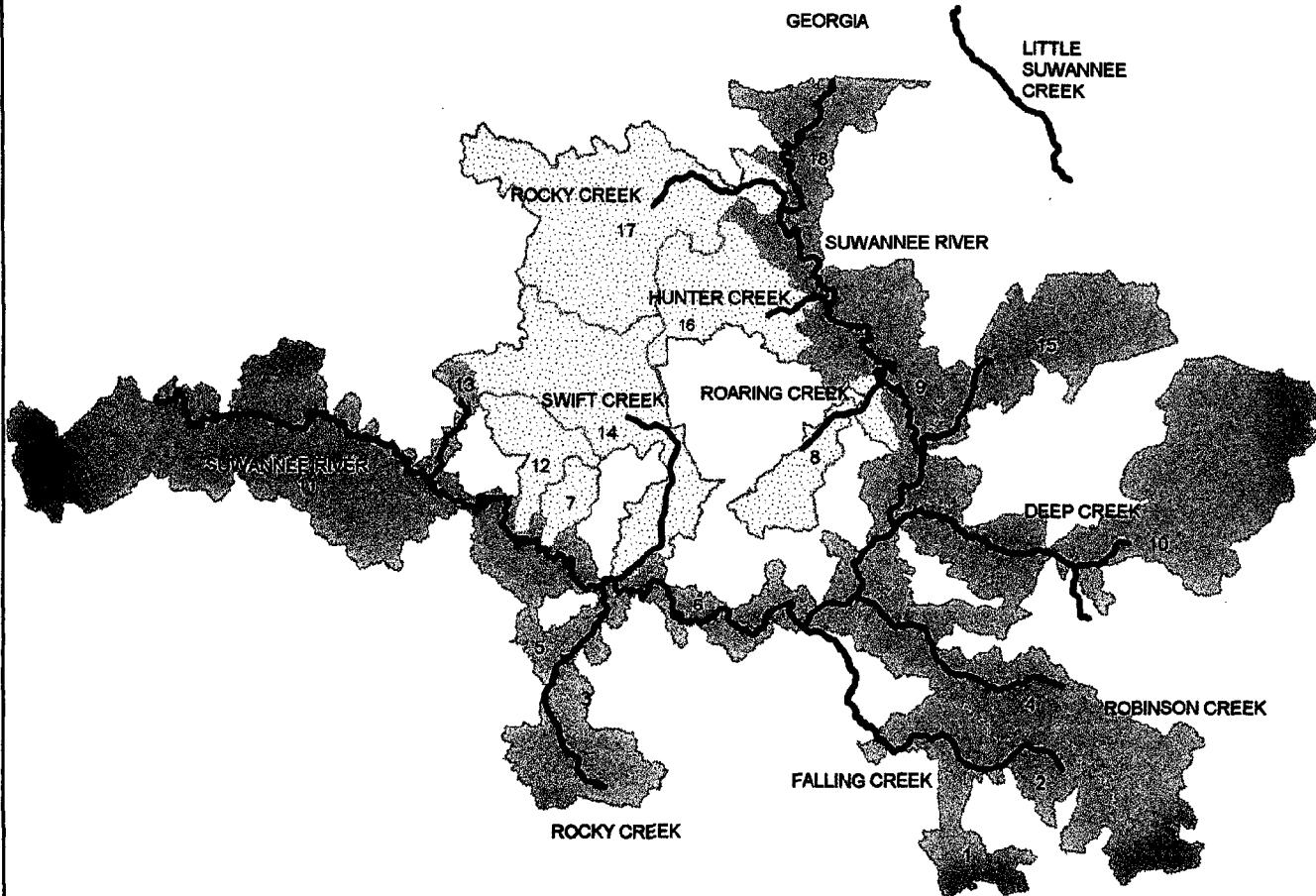
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WATERSHED ID	NAME	MEETS USE?	TSI	MEETS USE?	TSI	WQI OR	TREND	ALL I	I	L	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
DEGRADATION SOURCES, PRESENT CONDITIONS AND CLEANUP EFFORTS																		
*	WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																	
7	MORGAN LAGOON	NO	UNRANK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*	WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING																	
3	ROCK BUFF SPRING	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	OWENS SPRING	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	BLUS SPRING	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	ALLEN MILL POND DRAIN	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	PEACOCK SLOUGH	PARTIAL	FAIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																	
1	SOWANNE RIVER (LOWER)	YES	GOOD	+	0	++	0	0	x	0	0	x	x	+	0	0	0	0
2	SOWANNE RIVER (LOWER)	YES	GOOD	0	-	0	+	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	SOWANNE RIVER (LOWER)	YES	GOOD	+	0	0	+	0	x	0	0	x	0	0	+	0	+	0
11	BETHEL CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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LEGEND:
 DO-SATURATION
 FCOLI-FEICAL COLIFORM
 FLOW-FLOW
 MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE
 PH-PH
 SD-SCRECHI DISC METERS

NPS QUALITATIVE SURVEY RESULTS
AN "X" INDICATES A PROBLEM WITH POLLUTANT OR SOURCE
THE + ON MAPID INDICATES NO STORED INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THIS WATERSHED
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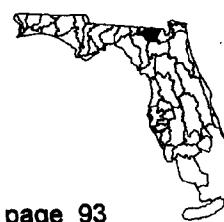


UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER BASIN
03110201

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
1984-1993 STORET DATA
WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
* INDICATES QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

WATER QUALITY

Dark Gray	GOOD
Medium-Dark Gray	THREATENED
Light Gray	FAIR
Very Light Gray	POOR
White	UNKNOWN



UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 1,273 square miles

Major Land Uses: forest, agriculture, mining

Population Density: low (Ellaville, White Springs)

Major Pollution Sources: mining activities, chemical processing

Best Water Quality Areas: Sugar Creek, Robinson Creek, Upper Suwannee River

Worst Water Quality Areas: Swift Creek and Camp Branch

Water Quality Trends: stable quality at 8 sites, improving quality at Swift Creek, Rocky Cr., Falling Cr., and Suwannee R below White Springs

OFW Waterbodies: Suwannee River

SWIM Waterbodies:

Alligator Lake (Columbia County)

Falling Creek (Columbia County)

Upper Suwannee River including the Withlacoochee River and all tributaries as part of Suwannee River System

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In the News

* The Nature Conservancy has purchased an additional 610 acres in the Pinhook Swamp area.

* DEP permitted a new discharge point for Occidental Chemical in Camp Branch in 1991. The discharge is essentially rainfall runoff which falls in the watershed from dewatering operation during mining.

* Health advisories recommending limited consumption of largemouth bass due to mercury content have been issued for the Suwannee River. The

- health advisories remain in effect and research is being conducted on the problem.
- * A 10-20 year flood occurred during the winter of 1991.
 - * In 1993, DEP established two new biological reference sites on Deep Creek and Robinson Creek.
 - * Occidental chemical is currently conducting a quarterly biological integrity sampling program for the Upper Suwannee River Basin.
 - * A major winter storm known as the Storm of the Century impacted the basin in March, 1993.
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Ecological Characterization

The Suwannee River is one of Florida's least developed and least polluted large rivers, and as such, is one of its most treasured resources. The upper Suwannee River basin drains portions of Florida and Georgia, encompassing a total area of 9,950 square miles. Approximately 926 miles of the drainage area are located in north central Florida; the remainder of the watershed drains parts of south central Georgia. Traveling a total distance of 265 miles from the headwaters, the Suwannee River ultimately discharges into the Gulf of Mexico. Below White Springs, the Suwannee River and its principal tributaries (Alapaha River, Withlacoochee River, and Santa Fe River) are fast-flowing streams with deep channels underlain by karst topography and characterized by numerous sinks and springs.

Headwaters of the upper Suwannee River near Fargo, Georgia, are formed by the convergence of numerous channels flowing from the southwest corner of the Okefenokee Swamp. Consequently, the river at this point is very darkly stained and acidic. Flow measured below the swamp averages 1,800 cfs. Average daily flow 30 miles above the mouth of the Suwannee is 11,000 cfs, making it the second largest (by flow) river in Florida. The southward flowing river turns sharply westward near White Springs, Florida, near the Cody Scarp. The Alapaha and Withlacoochee Rivers originate in Georgia and join the Suwannee River as it renews its southward course. The average discharge rate of the Alapaha River and the Withlacoochee is 1,600 cfs/each. At low flow the Alapaha River is captured by a sinkhole. It is believed to discharge to the Suwannee River through Alapaha Rise Spring. This area also receives substantial flow from the Floridan Aquifer through numerous springs.

Land use in the upper Suwannee River basin is primarily silviculture and agriculture. There is also substantial drainage of swamp lands. The basin is sparsely populated and White Springs is the only community actually located on the river. Watersheds and headwaters of Hunter Creek, Roaring Creek, Four-mile Branch, Swift Creek, and Camp Branch are currently being mined for phosphates.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The Suwannee River is an Outstanding Florida Water and sections of the river have very good water quality. The Florida portion of the Upper Suwannee River Basin is surrounded by the Alapaha River Basin to the west, the Lower Suwannee River Basin and the Santa Fe River Basin to the south, and the St. Mary's River Basin to the east. It generally exhibits low pH, high color and low conductivity. These conditions are typical of waters draining swampland.

A large number of point source discharges to tributaries of the river are located in Georgia. These include municipal and industrial WWTP's, paper mill effluent, and effluent from aluminum product manufacturing. The river receives a large loading of phosphates, organic nitrogen, sulfates, and fluorides at Swift Creek from Occidental Chemical Company. The elevated nutrient values are evident downstream

until they become diluted from flows of the Withlacoochee and Alapaha Rivers and several springs. Hunter Creek, which also receives Occidental effluent, exhibits high phosphorus values. Coliform levels are high in Roaring Creek, Swift Creek, Hunters Creek and the Suwannee River area above and below the confluence of Swift Creek. The original stream channel of Roaring Creek is being mined for phosphates. A new channel has been created. Occidental has been permitted a new discharge point at Camp Branch. The discharge consists of excess water from rainfall runoff in the watershed and from dewatering operations during mining. The excess water is routed to previously mined pits or reclaimed areas for clarification before being discharged to Camp Branch.

A detailed study of the entire Suwannee River was published by the Department of Environmental Regulation in 1985. It emphasized the marked difference in the upper and lower rivers, predominantly caused by a drastic pH change (from about 4 to 7) in the area of the Withlacoochee/Alapaha Rivers resulting from the inflow of the springs. Aside from the water quality changes associated with the ground water inflow, mining and phosphate beneficiation operations had the greatest impact on water quality. The upper Suwannee River is a SWIM priority water. Since 1989, an extensive surface water quality and biological monitoring program of the river and its tributaries has been performed by the SRWMD and their contractors. HRS is conducting an assessment of on-site septic tank systems compliance within the floodplain of the river. Finally, a water quality study conducted by the University of Florida defined ambient water quality. This study will be useful in the future determination of water quality for both existing and future discharges to the river.

Additional threats to the upper river are construction runoff, shoreline modification and septic tank seepage from residential development within the floodplain. However, at this point; the river is sparsely developed. A proposal for a large campground and trailer park was recently withdrawn. Agricultural land use may threaten springs within the river basin. Water quality threats from the Withlacoochee River are covered in the Lower Suwannee Basin.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED
CURRENT PERIOD OF RECORD (1989-1993) USED WHERE AVAILABLE
PERIOD PRIOR TO 1989 IS EVALUATED AS HISTORICAL INFORMATION

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110201 SUWANNEE RIVER, UPPER

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD			WATER CLARITY			DISSOLVED OXYGEN			OXYGEN DEMAND			PH ALKALINITY			TROPHIC STATUS			BIOLOGICAL SPECIES DIVERSITY			WATER QUALITY INDICES			
		MAX OBS	BEG YR	END YR	TURB	SD COLOR	TSS	DO	DOSAT	COD	BOD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO PROS	CHLA	TOTAL FECI	NAT BECK	ART BECK	COND	FLOW	COND	FLOW	WOI	TSI	
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE																										
1	WATER TOWN LAKE	5	80	80	Historical	*	2.1	20	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.3	74	0.64	0.03	20	*	*	*	153	*	*	48
5	LAKE LOUISE	3	80	80	Historical	*	1.9	43	*	*	*	*	*	6.5	5	0.59	0.03	5	*	*	*	47	*	*	42	
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																										
2	FALLING CREEK	75	89	93	Current	1.4	0.4	31.3	3	5.0	53	1.0	*	*	36	4.8	5	1.06	0.17	2	109	*	*	*	64	
3	ROCKY CRK NR WELLBORN	50	79	86	Historical	1.4	0.4	50.0	3	5.3	59	1.0	22.3	31	4.4	4	1.35	0.27	2	395	70	*	*	68		
4	ROBINSON CREEK	55	89	93	Current	1.2	0.4	263	3	5.0	53	1.4	*	44	6.1	30	0.89	0.19	1	290	141	*	3.0	9		
6	SUWANEE RIVER (UPPER)	155	89	93	Current	1.1	0.6	388	3	7.0	77	1.2	*	45	4.3	5	1.17	0.18	1	105	*	*	*	66		
7	JERRY BRANCH	6	89	90	Current	1.8	0.3	350	3	4.0	41	1.1	*	49	4.3	1	1.72	0.48	1	303	*	*	*	84		
8	ROARING CREEK	46	89	93	Current	6.5	0.3	350	7	7.3	81	1.0	*	50	5.0	5	1.39	0.33	4	240	*	*	*	70		
9	SUWANEE RIVER (UPPER)	64	89	93	Current	1.4	0.6	350	3	7.1	72	1.0	*	47	3.9	5	1.15	0.11	2	90	*	*	*	65		
10	DEEP CREEK	55	89	93	Current	0.8	0.4	488	3	5.2	55	1.3	*	50	4.3	5	1.12	0.17	1	290	143	*	2.1	12		
11	SUWANEE RIVER (UPPER)	134	89	93	Current	2.0	0.6	275	3	5.3	55	1.1	*	26	6.8	42	0.86	0.10	1	145	*	*	*	94		
12	CAMP BRANCH	38	89	93	Current	1.6	0.4	300	3	4.5	49	1.0	*	35	6.3	50	1.06	0.90	2	830	*	*	*	94		
13	SUGAR CREEK	4	93	93	Current	2.4	0.4	80	5	8.9	92	1.0	*	9	7.2	38	3.41	0.70	*	*	*	*	*	*	168	
14	SWIFT CREEK	46	89	93	Current	3.8	0.4	45	8	6.0	63	1.8	*	13	7.0	70	2.27	4.75	8	270	*	*	*	384		
15	LITTLE CREEK	4	93	93	Current	0.2	0.5	300	2	7.0	70	*	*	36	5.0	5	1.02	0.21	*	*	*	*	*	*	51	
16	HUNTER CREEK	58	89	93	Current	2.7	0.2	200	3	6.2	66	1.0	*	22	6.7	37	1.27	0.75	1	740	*	*	*	140		
17	ROCKY CREEK NR BENTON	46	89	93	Current	0.8	0.4	550	3	4.6	51	1.3	*	75	3.9	5	1.52	0.20	2	140	*	*	*	90		
18	SUWANEE RIVER (UPPER)	13	89	90	Current	1.5	0.5	340	1	6.2	69	0.9	*	3.9	1	0.86	0.07	1	395	*	*	*	62			

LEGEND:
 BOD - BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 CHLA - CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
 ART - ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI
 COD - CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
 BEG - BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR COLOR-COLOR PCU
 BECK - BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 COND - CONDUCTIVITY UMHOS
 DO - DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
 END - END DO SATURATION
 END YR - ENDING YEAR
 FCF - FECAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
 FLOW - FLOW CFS
 FST - FLOW-FLOW CFS
 HOS - HABITAT-SUITABILITY INDEX
 MAX DOBS - MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SIECHI DISC METERS
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 NAT - NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 NIT - TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
 PH - PH STANDARD UNITS
 TBI - TROPHIC STATE INDEX
 TSS - TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L
 TURB - TURBIDITY MG/L
 WOI - WATER QUALITY INDEX

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110201 SWANNEE RIVER, UPPER

'X' = EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
'-' = MISSING DATA

SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA									
WATERSHED ID NAME	RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM	LAKE	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND
1 WATERLOUVE LAKE	-	WQI CURRENT	-	TP	-	-	-	-	-
5 LAKE LOUISE	-	OR HISTORICAL	TN>2.0	TP>.46	TP>.12	PH>8.8	ALK<20	TURB>16.5 COND>1275	OXYGEN DEMAND
6 SWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	-	TSI HISTORICAL	-	-	-	PH<5.2	TS>18	BOD>3.3 COD>102	DO<4
7 JERRY BRANCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TOC>27.5	TOD>3700 DIAT>1.5 FECAL>A70 DINAT<1.5
8 BOILING CREEK	-	GOOD Historical	0	-	0	0	x	-	CHLA BACTI
9 SWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	-	GOOD Historical	0	-	0	0	-	-	CHLA DIV
10 DEEP CREEK	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	SECCHI DISC
11 SWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 CAMP BRANCH	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 SUGAR CREEK	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 SWIFT CREEK	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 LITTLE CREEK	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 HUNTER CREEK	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 ROCKY CREEK NR BENTON	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 SWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE									
2 FALLING CREEK	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 ROCKY CRK NR WELLBORN	-	GOOD Historical	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 ROBINSON CREEK	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 LAKE LOUISE	-	GOOD Historical	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM									
8 BOILING CREEK	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 SWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 DEEP CREEK	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
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14 SWIFT CREEK	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 LITTLE CREEK	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 HUNTER CREEK	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 ROCKY CREEK NR BENTON	-	FAIR Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 SWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	-	GOOD Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

LEGEND:
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 BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 BIOL DIV=BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL
 COND=CONDUCTIVITY
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 DIAT=1970 TO 1988
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 DIAT=NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 DINAT=DINAT
 FECAL=FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
 HISTORICAL=1970 TO 1988
 OXYGEN DEMAND=BOD, COD, TOC
 PH=PH
 TBIOL=BIOTIC DIVERSITY
 TDIAT=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURB=TURBIDITY
 TN=NITROGEN
 SECCHI=SECCHI DISC METERS

TP=PHOSPHORUS
 TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
 TSS=TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURB=TURBIDITY
 SD=SECCHI DISC METERS

WQI OR TSI=WATER QUALITY INDEX RATING
 WHICH INDEX USED, WQI OR TSI, IS
 BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE

SURFACE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

** USGS HYDROLOGIC UNIT: 03110201 SUWANNEE RIVER, UPPER

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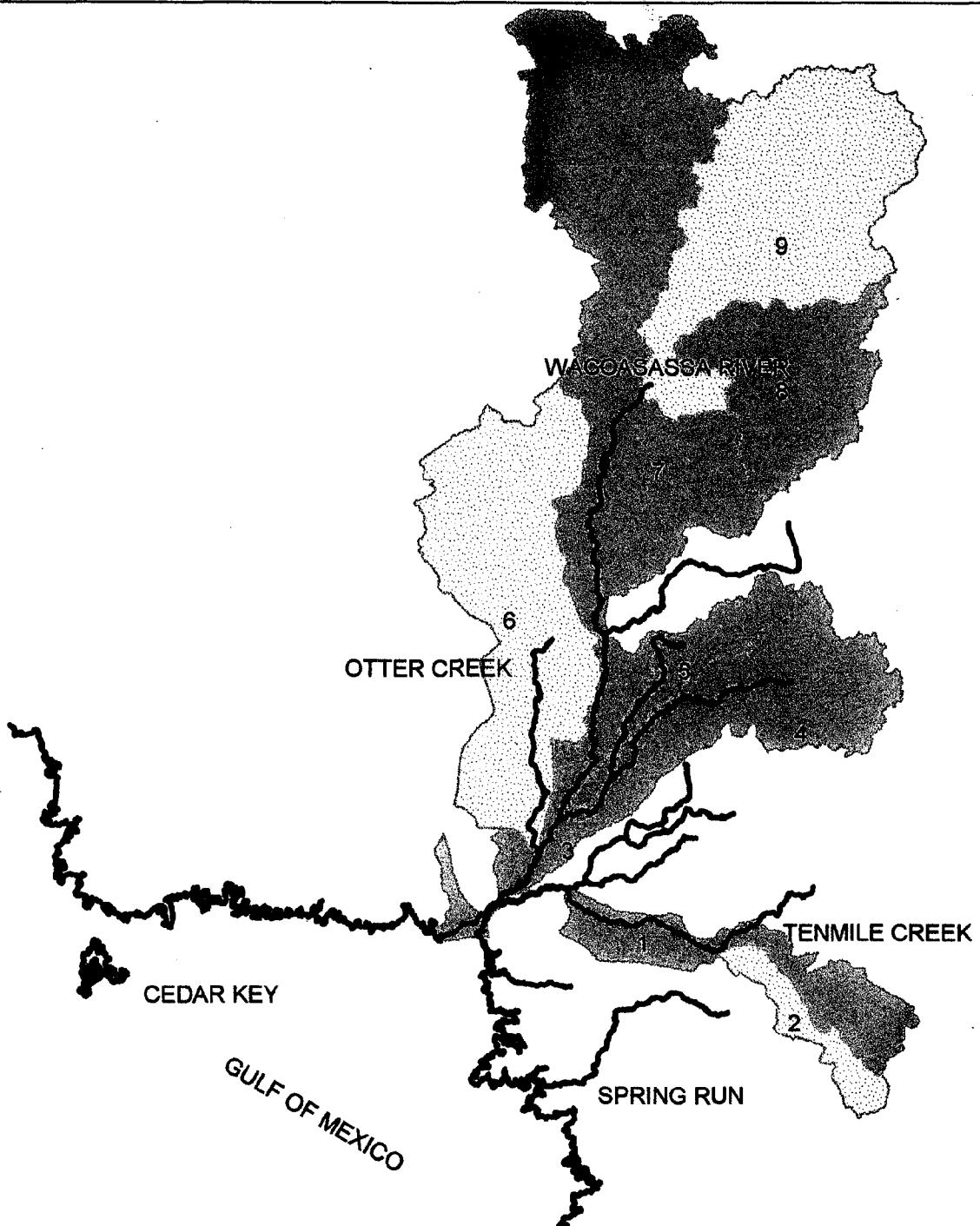
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1 WATERTOWN LAKE	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 LAKE LOUISE	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2 FALLING CREEK	YES	GOOD	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 ROBINSON CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 ROBBINS CREEK NR WELLBORN	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 SUWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 JERRY BRANCH	PARTIAL	FIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 ROARING CREEK	PARTIAL	FIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 SUWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 DEEP CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 SUWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 CAMP BRANCH	PARTIAL	FIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 SUGAR CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 SWIFT CREEK	PARTIAL	FIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 LITTLE CREEK	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 HUNTER CREEK	PARTIAL	FIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 ROCKY CREEK NR BENTON	PARTIAL	FIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 SUWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	YES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

LEGEND:
 DO5AT-DO SATURATION
 FCOLI-FEICAL COLIFORM
 FLOW-FLOW
 MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE
 PH-PH
 SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 TCOL-TOTAL COLIFORM
 TEMP-TEMPERATURE
 TN-NITROGEN
 TOC-TOC, ORGANIC CARBON
 TP-PHOSPHORUS
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS

NPS QUALITATIVE SURVEY RESULTS
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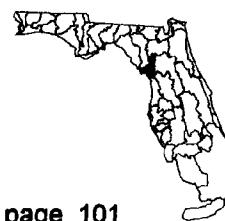
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2	LAKE CHERRY	3322	LAKE CHERRY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



WACCASASSA RIVER BASIN
03110101

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY
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WATERSHED ID NUMBERS LINK MAP TO TABLES
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WATER QUALITY
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WACCASASSA RIVER BASIN

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 936 square miles

Major Land Uses: forest, wetlands

Population Density: low (Cedar Key, Bronson)

Major Pollution Sources: none

Best Water Quality Areas: Waccasassa River

Worst Water Quality Areas: Horsehole Cr. and Little Waccasassa River

Water Quality Trends: improving quality in the upper Waccasassa River

OFW Waterbodies: Big Bend Seagrasses State Aquatic Preserve

SWIM Waterbodies: Waccasassa River System

Reference Reports:

Waccasassa River System SWIM Plan, SRWMD, 1991

Florida Rivers Assessment, DNR/FREAC/NPS, 1989

Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DER (Tallahassee), 1988

Basin Water Quality Experts:

Gray Bass, FFWFC, 904/957-4172

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Rob Mattson, SRWMD, 904/362-1001

Lee Banks, DEP, 904/448-4300

In the News

* Land use in Waccasassa Flats is an issue between Gilchrist County residents and the County Commission. The most recent comprehensive plan for the county allows one shed per 80 acres or one house per 160 acres. Some local residents want no development.

* The Town of Cedar Key has applied for a Wastewater Treatment Plant permit, which is expected to be issued in December, 1993.

Ecological Characterization

The Waccasassa River Basin drains 936 square miles of forest land and wetland between the Suwannee and South Withlacoochee Rivers. The river is 29 miles long and has an average flow of approximately 300 cfs. Blue Spring, at the headwaters, and several other small springs, supply ground water to the river. However, much of its flow is swamp and woodland drainage, thus giving it the typical blackwater color. The river empties into the Gulf of Mexico via a large coastal Juncus marsh. There are no major urban areas in the basin; however, one of the barrier islands, Cedar Key, is a developed recreational and historical site.

Anthropogenic Impacts

This basin has very good water quality and few sources of pollution. The only point source in the basin is the Cedar Key WWTP. Forestry clear-cutting in the basin could be a potential nonpoint source of pollution.

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 1970-1993
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WATERSHED ID NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD				WATER CLARITY										DISSOLVED OXYGEN						PH ALKALINITY			TROPHIC STATUS			COLIFORM			BIOLOGICAL SPECIES DIVERSITY			WATER QUALITY INDICES		
	MAX OBS	BEG YR	END YR	PERIOD	TURB		SD COLOR		TSS	DO	DO SAT	BOD	COD	TOC	PH	ALK	NITRO	PHOS	CHLA	TOTAL FECI	NAT	ART	BECK	COND	FLOW	WQI	TSI								
					MAX	MIN	SD	MAX				MAX	MIN	SD	MAX	MIN	SD	MAX	MIN	SD	MAX	MIN	SD	MAX	MIN	SD	MAX	MIN	SD						
* WATER BODY TYPE: ESTUARY 3 WACCASASA RIVER	91	70	85	Historical	3.5	1.5	3.0	7	5.7	70	0.8	.	5	7.3	10.9	0.40	0.06	7	.	.	.	.	.	4.20	306	.	38			
* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE 8 UNNAMED SLough	49	70	70	Historical	4.0	.	50	.	4.2	52	.	.	5.0	0	1.31	0.02	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28	.	.	37	
* WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING 4 WEIVIA RIVER	34	70	85	Historical	2.0	.	3	.	5.0	57	0.5	.	1	7.5	79	0.20	0.04	.	.	.	.	.	.	169	57	36	.		
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM																																			
1 TEMMIS CREEK	22	89	92	Current	2.2	0.4	195	3	5.5	64	1.1	.	26	7.2	96	0.69	0.07	1	290	.	.	.	.	197	.	38	.				
2 HOUSEHOLE CREEK	50	70	72	Historical	7.0	.	2.9	33	.	16	.	16	.	0.72	0.05	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	137	0	56	.
5 MULE CREEK	10	87	88	Historical	2.2	0.5	123	4	7.1	78	1.0	.	7.0	78	0.62	0.14	1	346	555	3.1	.	30	151	.	33	.									
6 OTTER CREEK	5	87	88	Historical	2.7	1.0	210	4	4.9	55	1.2	.	6.4	56	1.10	0.09	1	275	288	.	.	.	151	48	.	27	.								
7 WACCASASA RIVER	64	89	93	Current	1.6	1.1	65	3	6.2	68	1.0	.	12	7.5	114	0.55	0.05	1	659	160	.	.	.	322	.	27	.								
9 LITTLE WACCASASA RIVER	100	70	77	Historical	0.6	.	140	.	4.8	54	1.9	.	30	6.2	2	0.76	0.03	.	.	.	.	.	84	1	58	.				

LEGEND:
BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L CHL-a-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L DOSAT-DO % SATURATION COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L END-YR-ENDING YEAR FECI-FEICAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML FECI-FEICAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML FLOW-FLOW CFS TSI-TRONIC STATE INDEX COND-CONDUCTIVITY UMHOES BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX

MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES SD-SECCI DISC METERS TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML PH-PH STANDARD UNITS TSI-TRONIC STATE INDEX TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L PHOS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L

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		RANK	DATA RECORD	TN	STREAM	LAKE	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CHLA	SEBCHI DISC
WATERSHED ID	NAME															
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+ WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE	8 UNNAMED SLOUGH	GOOD	Historical	0	-	0	x	x	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
+ WATER BODY TYPE: SPRING	4 WAKIVA RIVER	GOOD	Historical	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
+ WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	1 TENNIS CREEK	GOOD	Current	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	x
	2 HORSHOLE CREEK	FAIR	Historical	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	x	-	-	0	-
	5 MOLE CREEK	GOOD	Historical	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	x	-	-	0	x
	6 OTTER CREEK	FAIR	Historical	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
	7 WACCASASSA RIVER	GOOD	Current	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
	9 LITTLE WACCASASSA RIVER	FAIR	Historical	0	0	-	x	x	0	0	0	x	-	-	0	-

LEGEND:
COND=CONDUCTIVITY
ALK=ALKALINITY
DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
BECK-BRICK'S BIOTIC INDEX
BIOL DIV=BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
CURRENT=1989 TO 1993
HISTORICAL=1970 TO 1988
IRRT=ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
TN=NITROGEN

TP=PHOSPHORUS
TOT=TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
OXYGEN DEMAND=BOD, COD, TOC
PH-PH
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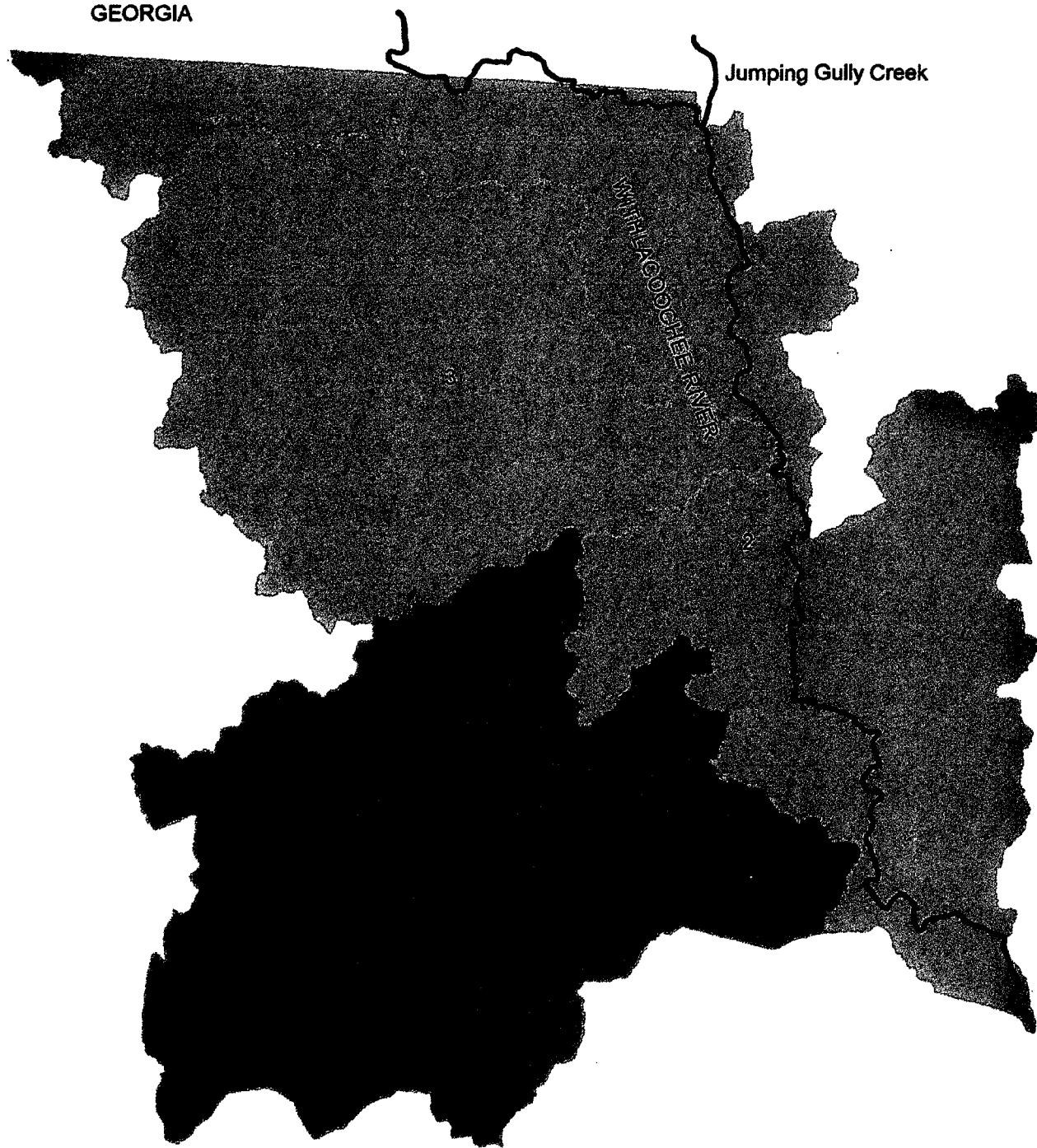
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LEGEND:
 DO-SAT-DO SATURATION
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 FLOW-FLOW
 MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE
 PH-PH
 SD-SEACHT DISC METERS
 TURB-TURBIDITY
 TSI-TROPHIC STATE INDEX FOR LAKES AND ESTUARIES
 TN-NITROGEN
 TOC-T-ORGANIC CARBON
 TP-PHOSPHORUS
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 WL-WATER QUALITY INDEX FOR STREAMS AND SPRINGS

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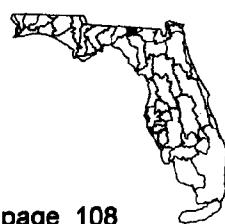
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WITHLACOOCHEE (NORTH) RIVER BASIN
03110203

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WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER BASIN, NORTH

Basic Facts

Drainage Area: 2,330 square miles (about 9% in Florida)
Major Land Uses: forest, agriculture
Population Density: low (Bellville)
Major Pollution Sources: pulp mill in Georgia
Best Water Quality Areas: Withlacoochee River
Worst Water Quality Areas: Jumping Gully Creek
Water Quality Trends: stable trend at 1 site
OFW Waterbodies: none
SWIM Waterbodies: part of Suwannee River System
Reference Reports:
Suwannee River System SWIM Plan, SRWMD, 1991
Florida Rivers Assessment, DNR/FREAC/NPS, 1989
Florida Nonpoint Source Assessment, DER (Tallahassee), 1988
Basin Water Quality Experts:
Robert Mattson, SRWMD, 904/362-1001
Homer Royals, FGFWFC, 904/357-6631

In the News

- * Reclassification of Jumping Gully Creek as a Class III Waterbody in 1991.
- * Packing Corporation of America has entered into a Consent Order with DEP, which requires it to conduct research, feasibility and engineering studies to meet class III standards in Jumping Gully Creek. Studies are under review.

Ecological Characterization

The Withlacoochee River basin originates in Georgia and terminates in the Suwannee River about 20 miles south of the Georgia-Florida border. The basin is 1,510 square miles in area and has 338 miles of river reach, but only 28 miles of river reach are located in Florida. The Withlacoochee River has a flow of 1,600 cfs before it enters the Suwannee River. The river is highly colored, but has alluvial characteristics as well. It carries more suspended sediments than most north central Florida streams. The river also receives flow from the Floridan Aquifer through several springs along its course in Florida. Blue Springs, the largest, is located about 10 miles upstream of the confluence with the Suwannee River. The major tributary of the Withlacoochee in Florida is Jumping Gully Creek near the Florida-Georgia border. The Florida portion of the basin is about half forest land and half agriculture. However, much of the upper basin, in Georgia, is in agriculture.

Anthropogenic Impacts

The River receives several point discharges before it enters Florida from a total of six domestic wastewater and four industrial wastewater point sources. The industrial dischargers are involved in plating and polishing aluminum manufacturing. In Florida, the Withlacoochee River exhibits borderline good/fair water quality depending on flow. During the rainy season, the river is characterized by higher than average sediment load for Florida rivers due to agriculture being the dominant land use in the basin. When it's dry, the relatively greater spring flow and less runoff have a beneficial effect on water quality.

Another major pollution source to the river is a paper mill located on Jumping Gully Creek that discharges about 12 MGD of high color and BOD effluent. The effluent discharges through an impoundment outfall. The Environmental Regulation Commission decided to reclassify Jumping Gully Creek as a Class III water.

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WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATERSHED DATA RECORD										WATER CLARITY										DISSOLVED OXYGEN										PH ALKALINITY										TROPHIC STATUS										BIOLOGICAL SPECIES DIVERSITY										WATER QUALITY INDICES									
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* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE	3 LAKE CHERRY	80	80	Historical	*	1.6	4	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.9	3	0.32	0.03	7	*	*	*	*	44	*	43																																														
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	2 WITHLACOCHEE RIVER	89	93	Current	4.2	0.6	120	3	6.2	65	1.0	*	12	7.0	59	0.80	0.13	1	135	72	*	3.1	16	172	*	35	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*																									

LEGEND:
BOD-BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
ALK-ALKALINITY MG/L
ART-ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DI
BEG YR-BEGINNING SAMPLING YEAR
BECK-BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
COND-CONDUTIVITY UMROS
DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN MG/L
DO-SAT-DO % SATURATION
END YR-END YEAR
FECL-FECLICAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
FLOW-FLOW CFS
CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL UG/L
COD-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND MG/L
COLOR-COLOR PCU
PCU-PH STANDARD UNITS
PHOS-TOTAL PHOSPHORUS MG/L
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

MAX #OBS-MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES
SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
TOC-TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON MG/L
TOTAL-TOTAL COLIFORM MPN/100ML
TSI-TROPHIC STATE INDEX
WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX

TURB-TURBIDITY MG/L
WQI-WATER QUALITY INDEX
NAT-NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
NITRO-TOTAL NITROGEN MG/L
PH-PH STANDAD UNITS
TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS MG/L

SURFACE WATER QUALITY DATA SCREENING REPORT
MEDIAN VALUES FOR EACH WATERSHED SCREENED

"X"=EXCEEDS SCREENING CRITERIA
"."=MISSING DATA

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SCREENING VARIABLES AND CRITERIA

WATERSHED ID	NAME	WATER BODY TYPE:	LAKE	STREAM	TN	DATA RECORD	RANK	PH	ALK	TURB & TSS	COND	OXYGEN DEMAND	DO	COLIFORM BACTERIA	BIOL DIV	CHLA	SECCHI DISC
*	3 LAKE CHERRY	LAKE															
*	2 WITHLACOCHEE RIVER	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	GOOD Historical		0	.	1	0	1	x	1	.	1	.	1	.	0
*	2 WITHLACOCHEE RIVER	WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM	GOOD Current		0	1	.	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

LEGEND:
 COND=CONDUCTIVITY
 ALK=ALKALINITY
 BECK=BECK'S BIOTIC INDEX
 DO=DISSOLVED OXYGEN
 BIOL DIV=BIOTICAL DIVERSITY
 CHLA=CHLOROPHYLL
 TP=PHOSPHORUS
 HISTORICAL=1970 TO 1988
 CURRENT=1989 TO 1993
 DIART=ARTIFICIAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY
 DINAT=NATURAL SUBSTRATE DIVERSITY

WQI OR TSI=WATER QUALITY INDEX RATING
 WHICH INDEX USED, WQI OR TSI, IS
 BASED ON WATERBODY TYPE
 TOT-TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 TURB-TURBIDITY
 SD-SECCI DISC METERS

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TRENDS-SOURCES-CLEANUP

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* DEGRADING TREND
0 = STABILIS TREND
+ = IMPROVING TREND
. = MISSING DATA

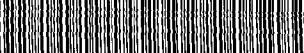
WATERSHED ID	NAME	QUALITY RANK	1984 - 1993 TRENDS									
			W OVER- ALL	Q o: WOL	T P: TREND	C S: MEETS	P A: USE ?	T T: TSI	B T: TSI	D D: MEETS	I I: USE ?	F F: TSI	<-- PLEASE READ THESE COLUMNS VERTICALLY
3 LAKE CHERRY	WYES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2 WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER	YYES	GOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

* WATER BODY TYPE: LAKE
* WATER BODY TYPE: STREAM
2 WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER

LEGEND:
 DO-SATURATION
 DO-SATURATION
 FCOLI-FECAL COLIFORM
 FLOW-FLOW
 MEETS USE-MEETS DESIGNATED USE
 PH-PH
 SD-SECCHI DISC METERS
 TCOLI-TOTAL COLIFORM
 TEMP-TEMPERATURE
 TN-NITROGEN
 TOC-T-ORGANIC CARBON
 TP-PHOSPHORUS
 TSS-TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS
 ALK-ALKALINITY
 BOD-BIOTHEM, OXYGEN DEMAND
 CHLA-CHLOROPHYLL
 DO-DISSOLVED OXYGEN

ALAPAH RIVER	17	RICE CREEK	57
ALLIGATOR CREEK	50	ROARING CREEK	93
ALLIGATOR LAKE	50	ROBINSON CREEK	93
ALTHO DRAINAGE	50	ROCKY CREEK	50
AMELIA RIVER	79	ROCKY CREEK NR BENTON	93
ARLINGTON RIVER	57	ROSE BAY	30
ATES CREEK	57	SAMPSON RIVER	50
AUCILLA RIVER	23	SANCHEZ PRAIRIE	50
BANANA RIVER	79	SAND HILL CREEK	37
BEVINS (BOGGY) CREEK	37	SANTA FE LAKE	50
BLACK CREEK	57	SANTA FE RIVER	50
BLUE CREEK	50	SISTERS CREEK	57
BROWARD RIVER	57	SIXMILE CREEK	57
CAMP BRANCH	93	SJ JOHNS RIVER	57
CASA COLA CREEK	30	SOUTH AMELIA RIVER	44
CEDAR RIVER	57	SOUTH PRONG ST. MARYS	79
CRANE CREEK	79	SPRING CREEK	37
CRESCENT LK	57	SPRING WARRIOR @ MOUTH	37
DEEP CREEK	93	SPRUCE CREEK	30
DOCTORS LAKE	57	ST. MARYS RIVER	79
DUNNS CREEK	57	STEINHATCHEE RIVER	37
EAU GALLIE RIVER	79	SUWANNEE RIVER (LOWER)	86
ECONFINA RIVER	37	SUWANNEE RIVER (UPPER)	93
EDWARDS CREEK	44	SWIFT CREEK	93
EIGHTMILE CREEK	37	SYKES CREEK/BARGE CAN.	79
ETONIA CREEK	57	TENMILE CREEK	101
FALLING CREEK	93	THAYER CANAL	30
FENHOLLOWAY RIVER	37	TOCOI CREEK	57
FORT GEORGE RIVER	44	TOMOKA RIVER	30
GARDEN CREEK	44	TROUT RIVER	57
GOAT CREEK	79	TURKEY CREEK	79
GREENE CREEK	57	WACCASASSA RIVER	101
GUANO RIVER	30	WACISSA RIVER	23
HALIFAX RIVER	30	WEKIVA RIVER	101
HAMPTON LAKE	50	WITHLACOCHEE RIVER	108
HAW CREEK	57		
HORSE CREEK	79		
HORSEHOLE CREEK	101		
HUNTER CREEK	93		
ICHEWEE RIVER	50		
ICWW	57		
INDIAN RIVER	79		
JACKSON CREEK	79		
KINGSLEY LAKE OUTLET	57		
LAKE BUTLER	50		
LAKE CROSBY	50		
LAKE DISSTON	57		
LAKE ROWELL	50		
LITTLE AUCILLA RIVER	23		
LITTLE TOMOKA RIVER	30		
LITTLE TROUT RIVER	57		
LITTLE WACCASASSA RIVER	101		
LOFTON CREEK	44		
MATANZAS RIVER	30		
MCCOYS CREEK	57		
MIDDLE HAW CREEK	57		
MIDDLE PRONG ST. MARYS	79		
MILL BRANCH	57		
MILLS CREEK REACH	44		
MOCCASIN BRANCH	57		
MOSQUITO LAGOON	79		
MOULTRIE CREEK	30		
NASSAU RIVER	44		
NEW RIVER	50		
NEWFOUND HARBOR	79		
NORTH FORK BLACK CREEK	57		
OCEAN POND OUTLET	79		
OLUSTEE CREEK	50		
ORTEGA RIVER	57		
PALM COAST	30		
PELLICER CREEK	30		
PETERS CREEK	57		
PIGEON CREEK	79		
RAYSOR CREEK	23		

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